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Hawthorns Area Plan
Public Access Working Group Appointment
Board of Directors Meeting
June 28, 2023

General Manager's Recommendation

Appoint members to serve on the Hawthorns Area Public Access Working Group as listed in the staff report.



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Hawthorns Area of Windy Hill Preserve



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Hawthorns Area - Aerial Map

-  Hawthorns Area
-  Building

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(Midpen)
9/9/2022



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Purpose of the Public Access Working Group

- Establish an **interactive forum** of **local and regional perspectives** to collaborate with the District on a plan for **introducing public access** at the Hawthorns Area in a manner consistent with the Board-adopted vision and goals
- Evaluate the following **public access components**:
 - **Parking area and driveway location(s)**
 - **Trailhead locations and internal trail system**
 - **Trail connections with surrounding Town trails and pathways**
 - **Opportunities for regional trail connections**
 - **Possible trail uses within the Hawthorns Area**
- Develop **draft Conceptual Alternatives** for PNR and Board review



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Summary of Recruitment Process and Next Steps

Date	Purpose
By May 26, 2023	Names of Ward Stakeholder candidates submitted to the District Clerk.
May 1 – June 11	Interest Area Representative recruitment period.
May 15	Virtual community meeting to share information and answer technical questions from the public on the application process.
May 30	Board Ad Hoc Committee formed.
June 14	Board Ad Hoc Committee selects ten applicants for interviews.
June 21 (in person interviews at Special Board meeting)	Interview and select members for the six open Interest Area Representative seats on the Hawthorns Public Access Working Group.
June 28 (Board Meeting)	Appoint all members to the Hawthorns Public Access Working Group and form the Working Group.
July 27 (tentative)	First Working Group meeting date for project orientation to be confirmed with members.

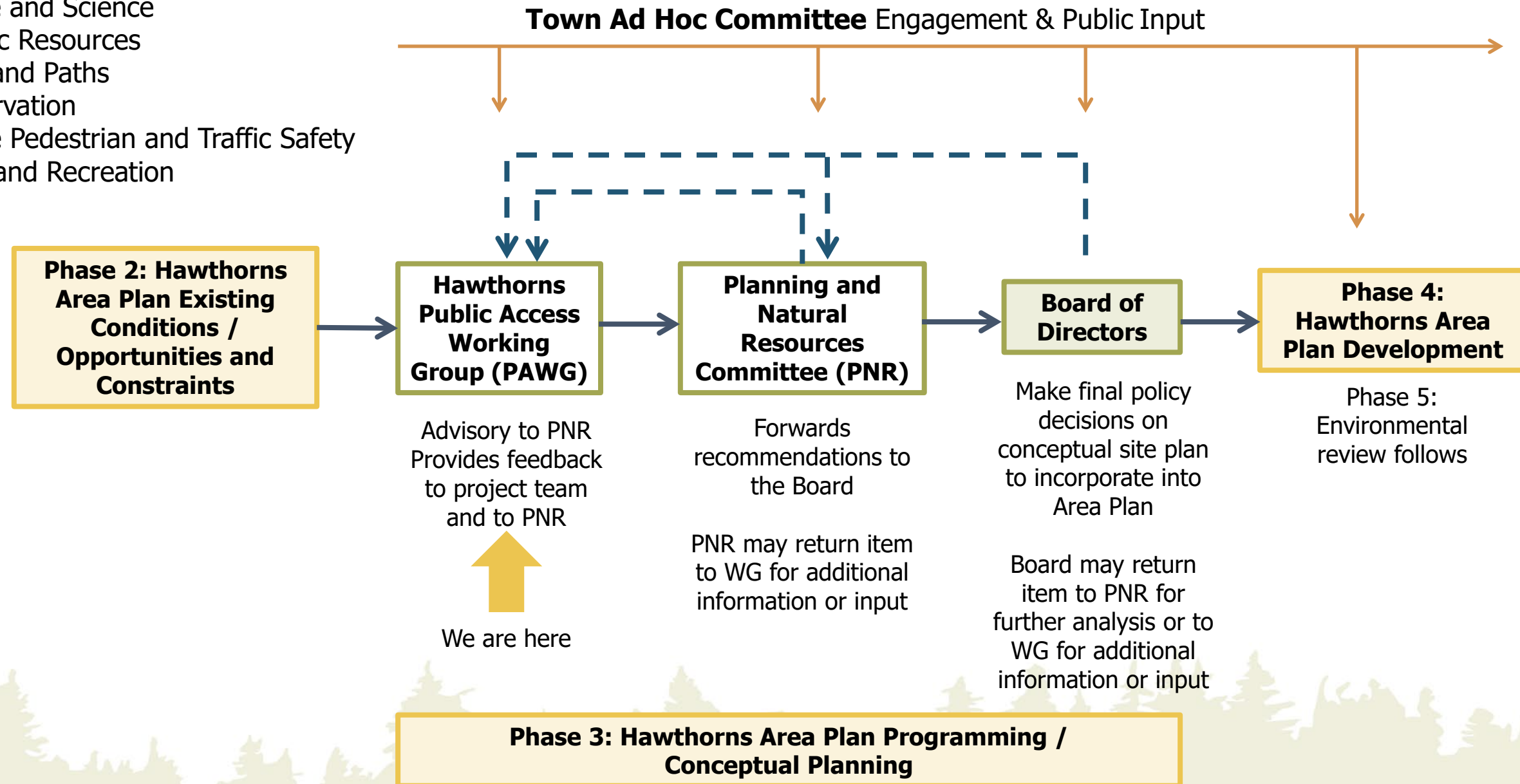


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Working Group Workflow

Town Ad Hoc Committee includes 7 members representing the following Town Committees:

- Open Space
- Nature and Science
- Historic Resources
- Trails and Paths
- Conservation
- Bicycle Pedestrian and Traffic Safety
- Parks and Recreation



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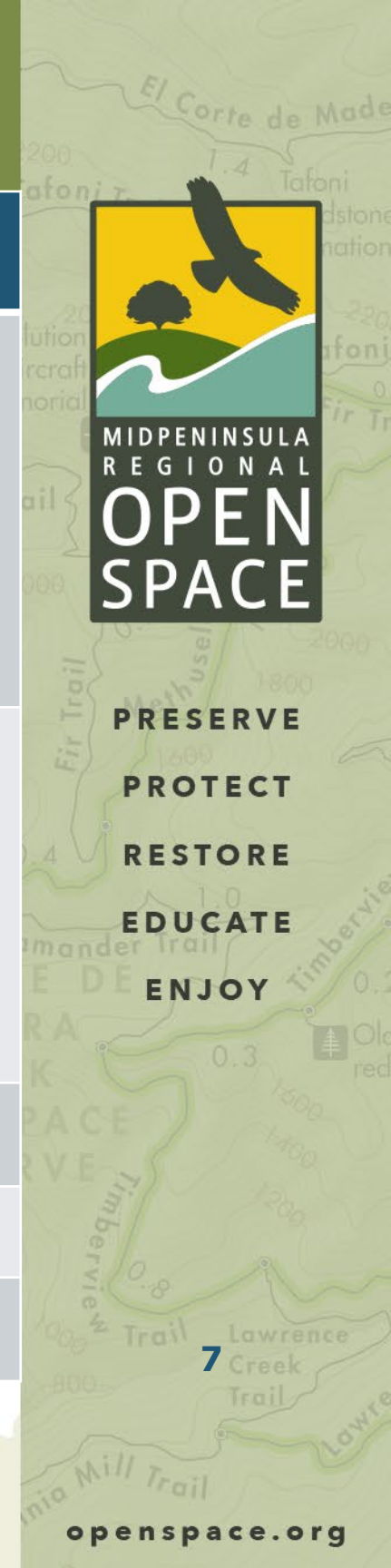
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Hawthorns Area Public Access Working Group

Member	Representation	Name
District Ward Stakeholders (voting members)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represent regional perspectives balanced with both ward and local interests Understanding of District mission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward 1 (Gleason) – Scott Mosher Ward 2 (Kishimoto) – Vivian Neou Ward 3 (Cyr) – Wilma (Willie) Wool Ward 4 (Riffle) – Sandy Sommer Ward 5 (Holman) – Jeff Greenfield Ward 6 (MacNiven) – Helen Quinn Ward 7 (Kersteen-Tucker) – Kerry De Benedetti
Interest Area Representatives (voting members)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local community interests Neighborhoods Safe routes to schools Local and regional trail connections Resource conservation Recreational uses Interpretation/education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bryna Chang Tyler Feld Charlie Krenz Rachel Oslund David Smernoff Karen Vantra
Board Liaison	District mission and interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Margaret MacNiven (Board member, Ward 6)
Town Liaison	Town interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah Wernikoff (Town Councilmember, Vice Mayor)
Meeting Facilitator	Neutral party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cathy Garrett, PGAdesign



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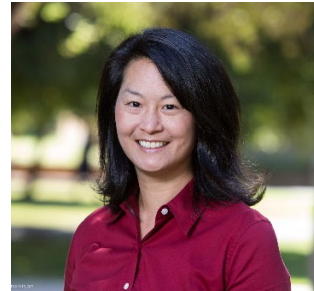
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Board Director, Ward 6



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Hawthorns Area Plan Phases

Project Phase		Timeline
1	Vision and Goals	FY21 - 22
2	Existing Conditions/Opportunities and Constraints	FY22 - 23
3	Programming/Conceptual Planning	FY23 - 24
4	Area Plan/Environmental Review	FY24 - 26
5	Implementation	FY26 - TBD



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Programming/Conceptual Planning Phase

Objectives

- Explore parking and trail opportunities and develop Conceptual Plan Alternatives for public access
- Select Preferred Alternative for public access
- Convene Public Access Working Group
- Convene and hire a design team
- Continue public engagement



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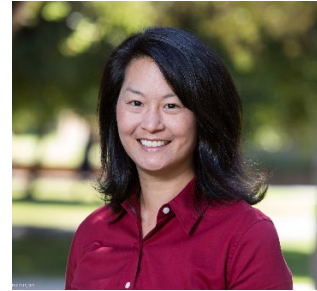
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