



Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 5th, 2017
6:04 pm, Regular Meeting
City Hall (Council Chambers)

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm. Those in attendance were Dave Belin, Chair; Rob Burdine; Lynn Riedel; Allison Hamm; Merrily Mazza; Brent Lutz; Keri Davies; Erin Frazier, Co-Chair

Items from the Public

Karen Norback asked if a meeting packet for LOSAC could be made available to the public online similar to other committees in the city. Karen also made some comments about a planning staff report and offered her opinion of its content.

Jenna, Lafayette citizen at 2105 North Fork Dr., addressed the committee regarding prairie dog management plan and requested further protection for prairie dogs.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Lynn Riedel to approve the November 2016 minutes. Keri Davies seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Rob addressed the committee on the current status of the Parks & Open Space signage design program currently underway with design firm, Chroma Design. Various aspects of the design, timeline and material options were reviewed. The committee was able to provide input.

Rob updated the committee on the current status of the Highway 7 pedestrian crossing for the BNSF trail. Staff and CDOT along with contracted engineers are moving through the design and permitting process. Additional BNSF trail connections were discussed.

Rob discussed the current status of the S. Public Rd. Drainage Improvement project. The bid process is moving ahead with bid opening in Feb and notice to proceed planned for March.

Rob updated the committee on various issues that have arisen with the Beauprez Barn including official address creation for stand-alone Xcel meter; interior electrical wiring updated per code; and structural assessment for staff and public safety.

Topics for Discussion

GOCO Inspire Grant was discussed amongst the committee. An update of what was approved or funded for open space projects was shared by Rob. The Coal Creek Connections projects are not projects that were funded in the grant. Capital improvement projects and educational programming were discussed.

Open Space property ranking criteria was discussed. Changes to ranked property were reviewed.

A motion was made by Erin Frazier to recommend the updated multiplier modifier model as part of the property ranking criteria per the 2013 PROST plan. Allison Hamm seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The City of Lafayette Prairie Dog Management Policy was discussed and potential changes to the policy were considered. Various recommendations were made as a group.

Member Updates

Councilor Mazza advised the committee that one of the Wildridge neighbors reported not seeing prairie dogs on Rothman Open Space.

Dave Belin shared Scranton, PA plan to convert old trolley line into trail. He advised the group that this type of development is rare in PA by comparison to Colorado where trails are prevalent.

Dave had a phone conversation with a member of Erie's open space board about Area J.

Lynn Riedel commented about the content of meeting minutes and requested that minutes be sent out with the next month's agenda.

Planning Updates

Public land dedication proposed changes by the Planning Dept. were discussed. LOSAC committee discussed and critiqued the proposed changes to public land dedication as it pertains to the effects on open space land.

The Blue Sage development was reviewed. Blue Sage is located near Louisville's North End neighborhood along the western edge of Lafayette city limits. LOSAC was to decide if the committee was comfortable with the buffer between Lafayette open space and Blue Sage, land dedication requirement, trail location and prairie dog management.

Indian Peaks filing #2 - Harvest Ridge was reviewed by the committee. This property is located on the north side of Baseline Rd. between Indian Peaks Trail and Homestead St. The trail easement for this property was vacated and LOSAC did not challenge.

A project on Baseline Rd. was reviewed. This is a proposed development of 14 homes at Indian Peaks Trail and Baseline Rd. LOSAC was asked if they preferred land dedication in this area or cash in lieu. This area is still not even annexed into the City yet. LOSAC agreed to cash in lieu due to the limited size of this area.

Next Agenda

March 2nd, 2017 is the next LOSAC meeting.

Topics include:

- 2017 LOSAC goals
- LOSAC report to City Council
- City of Lafayette Prairie Dog Management Policy

Adjournment

A motion was made by Erin Frazier to adjourn. Keri Davies seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Chairperson _____ Date _____

Administrative Coordinator _____ Date _____