

Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday June 7, 2012
6:00 pm, Regular Meeting
City Hall (Council Chambers)

Draft Minutes

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm. Those in attendance were Dave Belin, Erin Frazier, Bob Spillman, Lynn Riedel, Allison Hamm, Mark Dowling, Josh Abram, Paul Knuth, Planning Commission Liaison, Monte Stevenson, Director of Parks, Open Space and Golf, and Jeff Moline, Open Space Superintendent.

Items from the Public

Grant Swift of Lafayette commented that the turnout at the barn dedication event was impressive and thanked the city for including previous committee members on the plaque.

Chad Lupp, 866 Lambert Circle, brought materials to present during the trail connectivity portion of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Bob Spillman made a motion *to approve the May 2012 minutes as written*. Erin Frazier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Monte reported that the barn lease for Thomas Open Space was approved by City Council at the June 5 meeting and that the barn rental was waived until August 1 due to Isabelle Farm's contributions to the dedication event including produce and hayrides. Erin Frazier thanked Keri Davies for the coordination of the barn dedication event. Monte recognized Jeff Moline, Matt Espinoza, Joel Zink and Keri Davies for their diligent and hard work on the project. Members watched a YouTube videos pertaining to the project.

Jeff reported on a large drainage and flood flow master plan project led by Urban Drainage & Flood Control District involving a number of neighboring entities along Rock and Coal creeks.

The Coal Creek Trail 120th Underpass project is underway. Swallows are nesting in the underpass so the underpass portion of the project will be delayed a couple of weeks. Therefore, the contractor will begin work away from the underpass.

Bids are due June 11 for the construction of the Coal Creek/Rock Creek Trail - Eastern Link project. The project has been broken into three segments. 19 contractors attended

the mandatory pre-bid meeting.

Monte Stevenson recognized Urban Drainage & Flood Control District for their support and collaboration on numerous projects with the city. Peter Johnson from the city's public works department was also recognized for his cooperation and assistance.

The Great Outdoors Colorado grant selection committee will recommend the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan grant proposal in the amount of \$75,000 for funding to the GOCO board on June 19.

Topics for Discussion

Public Works Director, Doug Short, was unable to attend and will attend a future meeting. Members collected preliminary input for a future meeting with public works. There are a number of trails that are maintained by private entities such as homeowners' associations. Chad Lupp suggested that the city develop a comprehensive bikeway plan that connects all areas of town using signage and designated bike routes. Small connections must be figured out for this to work well. Monte suggested that the city's updated comp plan would lead to the development of a bikeway-minded collaborative team to work on improving bike routes. Members agreed that it is critical for all relevant city departments to be involved in the development of a plan. Members suggested that the city group seek input from stakeholder groups within the community.

Members discussed the Legacy Tax renewal. Monte Stevenson indicated that Councilor Kracha was in contact with City Administration with questions related to the formation of a PAC..

Members made minor revisions to the LOSAC by-laws. Josh Abram made a motion to approve the by-laws as written. Erin Frazier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Review of education and outreach events in July. The bird walk is on July 14 at 9am. The bug talk will be on July 21 at 9am. Jeff Moline will email the confirmed events to the committee.

Member Updates

Allison Hamm shared that she had heard that there is considerable citizen concern that Waneka Lake will be left too dry. City staff is monitoring the water level.

Erin Frazier offered to draft a story for various publications about the Thomas Open Space Farm project.

Bob Spillman expressed a wildlife concern for the county's channel mitigation project near Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center.

Paul Knuth mentioned that prairie dogs are being addressed by the developer near LaMont Does Park. The developer was encouraged to review the city's prairie dog policy. The committee can make a recommendation for developers to follow the city's prairie dog policy during the planning review process.

Members conducted a 2012 goals review and status update.

Planning Updates and Review

There were no items for review.

Next Agenda

The agenda for the July 11 meeting at 7pm at the Louisville Library will include Area 8, trail connectivity with Public Works director, Doug Short, Harney Lastoka, trails for dogs off-leash, renewal of open space tax, master plan update, and the 104th Street connector.

The regular meeting will begin at 6pm. The joint meeting with Louisville Open Space Advisory Board will begin at 7pm.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Erin Frazier to adjourn. Josh Abram seconded and the motion passed unanimously.