

Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting  
**Thursday April 4, 2013**  
**6:00 pm, Regular Meeting**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**

## **Draft Minutes**

### **Call to Order / Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04PM. Those in attendance were Dave Belin, Bob Spillman, Josh Abram, Lynn Riedel, Mark Dowling, Erin Frazier, Allison Hamm, Paul Knuth, Planning Commission Liaison, and Monte Stevenson, Parks, Open Space and Golf Director.

### **Items from the Public**

There were no items from the public.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Josh Abram to approve the March 2013 minutes. Lynn Riedel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Reports**

Monte Stevenson reported that BNSF Railroad missed their deadline to a contractual obligation to remove some items from the recently purchased rail line. An agreement is underway that provides BNSF until June 1 to remove the items.

The Coal Creek Trail - Eastern Link Project is still underway and has some complications due to engineering issues north of Hwy 7. The project team is estimating a completion date of mid-May. City staff is pursuing the possibility of opening the trail to the Weld-Boulder county line or to Flagg Park Trailhead should delays continue further. Members were supportive of seeking a way to allow the public access to a reasonable location.

Powerline Trail will connect into Louisville's North End subdivision trail system as the development continues.

An IGA with Broomfield is in progress which will address a soft-surface trail connection through Mountain View Open Space to Anthem.

Members were supportive of ending the Adopt-an-Open Space Program due to a lack of interest in current participants and based on feedback staff has heard over the past couple of years.

Members were supportive of further exploring the development of a trail underpass at 111<sup>th</sup> and Drainageway 2. The estimated cost for the project would be up to \$350,000. Staff will bring a revised 5 year forecast which takes into account this expenditure.

The Parks, Open Space and Golf Department has implemented strategic steps to deal with the drought conditions.

## **Topics for Discussion**

Members reviewed the city's Electronic Communication Policy.

Arbor Day preparations were made. 150-200 1 gallon native trees and shrubs will be given away on Saturday, April 20, noon-4PM at the Earth Day Celebration at Jax Outdoor Gear store. Planting instructions and drought information will be promoted. Jeff Moline will handle the scheduling of the booth via email.

Members made some minor suggested edits to the draft PROST Master Plan. A request was made to expand the glossary of open space terms. One public comment was made at the City Council meeting on April 2 regarding equestrian use and Areas A and B (2007 Update to the OSTMP). Staff will speak to Community Development and the City Administrator to inquire if it might be possible to contact Boulder County and ask about holding a public meeting regarding the extension of the existing IGAs.

## **Member Updates**

Dave Belin spoke with Monica Cash from Erie's open space advisory board. Ms. Cash indicated that the board was taken by surprise by the purchase of land at Hwy 287 and Arapahoe by Erie's Urban Renewal Authority. The respective boards may be able to meet for the opening of the new segment of the Coal Creek Trail. A joint meeting this fall might be arranged. A good attitude of working together was established.

Dave Belin attended the Latino Advisory Board meeting in March and updated the board members on the PROST Master Plan process. LAB members voiced interest in street and trail connections in the LaMont Does Park area. They were very excited about having safe places to walk. LAB members suggested that one way to get information to the Latino community is to email board members so that they can get the word out because, in general, the Latino population does not visit the city's website to find information.

Dave Belin noticed that near the Avalon spur of Coal Creek Trail dirt bike riders are riding on private property. Staff will monitor this area should the open space be encroached upon.

Dave Belin purchased a Garden-in-a-Box which the city has partially subsidized.

Paul Knuth reported that the Energy Sustainability Advisory Committee is seeking to review and comment on planning proposals much in the same way the Open Space Advisory Committee does.

## **Planning Updates and Review**

There were no items to review.

## **Next Agenda**

No items were specified for the next agenda.

## **Adjourn**

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