

Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday May 2, 2013
6:00 pm, Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

Draft Minutes

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM. Those in attendance were Erin Frazier, Allison Hamm, Mark Dowling, City Council Member Steve Kracha, and Open Space Superintendent Jeff Moline.

Items from the Public

Mike Barrow of 1103 Alexandria Street spoke in concern with the buffer between Erie and Lafayette and urged the city to consider a row of trees or berm along the north and east sides of Kneebone Open Space. Mike also spoke about the remnants the ditch company's left behind from their recent cleaning.

Debbie Nelson of the Autumn Ridge subdivision spoke in concern of a proposed subdivision called The Trails of Coal Creek. Ms. Nelson referenced the 2005 Open Space and Trails Master Plan and the area's ranking on the open space acquisition list. Councilor Kracha suggested that Ms. Nelson contact Planning Staff to find out more information about the parcel.

Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes was tabled to the next meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

Reports

Open Space Superintendent Jeff Moline reported that the Boulder County and Lafayette sections of the Coal Creek Trail Eastern Link will open within the next 7-14 days. The Town of Erie portion is likely to open in mid-summer. A formal grand opening will be held later in the summer.

The Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan will go to City Council for approval on May 7.

Topics for Discussion

Members briefly reviewed the city's Prairie Dog Policy. A contractor will be hired to remove prairie dogs from Rothman Open Space in June due to their movement offsite, to adjacent properties. This item will be discussed again at the June meeting.

Members discussed trail priorities as outlined in the PROST Master Plan. Erin suggested that the priorities be ranked through a matrix or create a tier system and used as a working document.

The Arbor Day and Earth Day event went well. Jeff thanked those members who participated. About 105 plants were given away.

Member Updates

Allison Hamm purchased a Garden-in-a Box.

Mark Dowling went to a county regional trail meeting. Isabelle Farm is having their grand opening June 8.

Members discussed hosting another bike tour for the July Parks and Recreation Month.

Planning Updates and Review

There were no items to review.

Next Agenda

Items suggested for the June 2013 meeting were an executive session to discuss budget items, a site tour, July Parks & Rec Month activities, and the city's Prairie Dog Policy.

Adjourn

The meeting was brought to a close.