

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

Draft Minutes

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm. Those in attendance were Dave Belin, Josh Abram, Lynn Riedel, Erin Frazier, Councilman Steve Kracha, Parks, Open Space and Golf Director Monte Stevenson, and Open Space Superintendent Jeff Moline.

Items from the Public

There were no items from the public.

Approval of Minutes

Josh Abram made a motion *to approve the April 2013 minutes*. Lynn Riedel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Erin Frazier made a motion *to approve the May 2013 minutes*. Dave Belin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Monte Stevenson reported that the IGA with Broomfield has been finalized. Jeff Moline informed members that construction of the trail that traverses the Mountain View Egg Farm parcel and connects to the Anthem subdivision in Broomfield has begun. Boulder County assisted with grading work and Lafayette's Boulder County Youth Corps team will begin their work in June.

Coal Creek Trail: The Eastern Link portion of the trail is now open to the Boulder-Weld county line.

Topics for Discussion

Boulder County Parks and Open Space staff, including Director Ron Stewart, Recreation and Facilities Manager Al Hardy and Special Projects Coordinator Tina Nielson gave a presentation on the mission and goals of the county's open space program. Mr. Stewart noted the solid history and special relationship the county and Lafayette have. Wayfinding on regional trails is of interest to Boulder County.

Members discussed trail and open space projects that will be provided to Boulder County as Lafayette's recommendations for partnerships.

Members discussed priority trail corridors as outlined in the PROST Master Plan. A number of short connections, urban trail segments, and several large-scale connections

were reviewed so that the Open Space Division can create planning strategies for upcoming trail developments.

Jeff Moline made several proposed updates to the City's Prairie Dog Policy. Mr. Moline suggested that a revised policy allow for the removal of prairie dogs within the Clearance Zones of trails as described in the PROST Master Plan. Issues of incompatible land uses should be addressed. A motion was made by Josh Abram to approve support for Open Space staff to begin the process of implementing changes to the City's existing prairie dog policy. Erin Frazier seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Staff will draft a revised policy and will discuss the political climate with City Administration. If City Administration is supportive, staff will carry a recommendation of approval for a revised Prairie Dog Management Policy to City Council.

Members discussed hosting several outreach and education activities for July which is Parks and Recreation Month including a bike ride on June 20 through a portion of the new Coal Creek Trail segment and a bird walk. Josh Abram suggested LOSAC hosting a booth once a month at the Farmer's Market located behind Jax Home & Ranch.

Executive Session

A motion was made to move to executive session according to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a), for the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest.

The Executive Session closed at 8:58 pm.

Member Updates

Josh Abram shared that he has a new dog.

Lynn Riedel stated that Grant Swift biked the new segment of Coal Creek Trail and really enjoyed it.

Dave Belin and his son ran in the Bolder Boulder and trained on a number of the fantastic open space trails in Lafayette and in Boulder County. He also wrote an article for the Boulder Weekly.

Planning Updates and Review

There were no items to review.

Next Agenda

Items for the next agenda, Wednesday, July 10, will include a presentation by a representative from Trust for Public Land.

Adjourn

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