

Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday August 1, 2013
6:00 pm, Regular Meeting
City Hall (Council Chambers)

Minutes

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm. Those in attendance were Dave Belin, Erin Frazier, Mark Dowling, Josh Abram, Allison Hamm, Lynn Riedel, Council Member Steve Kracha, Open Space Superintendent Jeff Moline, and Parks, Open Space and Golf Director Monte Stevenson.

Items from the Public

There were no items from the public.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Josh Abram *to approve the July 2013 minutes*. Erin Frazier seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Reports

Parks, Open Space & Golf Director Monte Stevenson reported on the August 21 ribbon cutting for the Coal Creek Regional Trail.

Jeff Moline shared that Martin Ogle is interested in working with the city to do some education and outreach as well as signage efforts in both a consultant and volunteer capacity. Mr. Ogle will be invited to the September meeting to further discuss opportunities.

Historic preservation is on-going at Harney Lastoka Open Space.

Mr. Stevenson provided an update on the Multi-Modal Transportation Plan which will be compiled by staff from Public Works, Community Development and Parks, Open Space and Golf. The next step is for the City's Comprehensive Plan to be approved by City Council.

The Flagg Park Improvements IGA was approved by Lafayette's City Council. Mr. Moline is confident that the project will begin in 2013.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lafayette and the Town of Erie is underway to allow for access to partner lands.

Trail construction on the former BNSF railroad corridor has begun near Emma Street and Peak to Peak Charter School.

A proposed drainage maintenance project initiated by the Public Works Department near Greenlee Wildlife Preserve will affect some open space land but staff is working with Public Works to minimize impacts.

Mr. Moline encouraged members to go visit the open space properties because they are in excellent condition due to the great work done by Matt Espinoza, Ben Hibel, and the Boulder County Youth Corps.

The Open Space and Trails Recommendations to Boulder County will go before City Council on August 20.

The GROWE Foundation event at Thomas Open Space is scheduled for September 21.

Representatives from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) which is part of the National Recreation and Parks Association recently visited to evaluate the Parks, Open Space and Golf Department and the Recreation Department. The visitors will submit a report to a board at National Congress later this year for final approval. They were very impressed with the Open Space program, particularly with the Thomas Open Space Barn and the City-wide trail system.

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 ended at 6:45pm.

Topics for Discussion

A Peach Festival booth is reserved for LOSAC. Mr. Moline will order green t-shirts for members and will send out an email to nail down booth times. Open Space Day will be held on October 5 at the new railroad corridor. The July Parks and Recreation Month events went really well. The bike ride had about 11 participants. The walking tour had a great hike with about 17 attendees.

Member Updates

Josh Abram reported that he will attend the Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee meeting this month. He also noted that he might attend the Louisville Open Space Committee meeting on August 14. The Lafayette Waste Reduction Advisory Committee meets at the same time as the open space committee so attending one their regular meetings will be difficult. He also requested a copy of the most recent open space presentation so he can share it with the youth committee.

Councilor Kracha mentioned the Rand McNally 'Best Small Towns' contest and encouraged Lafayette residents to vote often.

Dave Belin reported that he participated in a Jax running group event at which the possibility of a 5K running race in Lafayette was discussed.

Planning Updates and Review

There were no items to review.

Next Agenda

Items for the next meeting will include a discussion about fracking and oil and gas activity on Open Space properties, Open Space Day, and a discussion with Martin Ogle.

Adjournment

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