



Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting  
**Thursday, April 4, 2019**  
6:00 pm, Regular Meeting  
City Hall (Council Chambers)

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Those in attendance: Brent Lutz, Vice Chair; Lynn Reidel; Allison Hamm; Luke Arrington; Alison Fischer; Erin Frazier; Rob Burdine and Monte Stevenson.

#### **Items from the Public**

Grant Swift addressed the committee regarding the PROSt Master Plan. He suggest that the plan specifically call out active and passive components of the overall master plan.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Luke Arrington to approve the March, 2019 minutes. Lynn Reidel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Brent Lutz to move into 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. Allison Hamm seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The open meeting resumed at 6:32 p.m.

#### **Presentation**

Martin Ogle presented some facts about the education and outreach programming for 2019. The education program is celebrating its fifth anniversary, and programming continues to go very well. The heart of the program is outdoor programs for groups, schools and the public. Partnerships have also been key to the growth of the program, and collaborations with other city entities have yielded art programs, a walking tour, trailhead stations run by volunteers and much more. Programs that are coming include an energy program with LESAC, and the possibility of a Coal Creek self-guided tour similar to the one established for the Waneka Lake area.

#### **Staff Report**

Rob Burdine gave an update on several projects and strategic planning.

The project based at Sanchez Elementary School is proceeding, with the ground cleared. The new storm sewer line is onsite, and will require a major lift with a crane. We are partnering with Urban Drainage for the drainageway, and they will be our maintenance partners for this area of the project. Roadway improvements at Sir Galahad and Merlin are expected to take place in late April over the course of two to three days.

Field operations are underway, including mowing along some trails.

The regional recreational map mobile application is in the partner testing phase. LOSAC, City Council and the Planning Commission will be extended invitations to participate in beta testing.

Planning for Youth Corps projects was fully underway, with an April 10 deadline for submission to the County. Open Space will again be contracting for one Youth Corps team (an annual cost of approximately \$30,000). Youth Corps activities begin in June.

Rob also shared an update on the convening of PDAWG and their meeting plans. Roger Caruso has been named staff liaison, and the plan is for the group to have a focused series of meetings (eight or so) and bring recommendations to City Council at the end of their process.

### Topics for Discussion

The Committee discussed the upcoming Arbor Day event scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be planting a pollinator garden, and trimming back the willow and privet adjacent to the trail. A group of CU volunteers, including graduate students, will be participating in the event and teaching sustainable practices and wildland management practices to the volunteers in attendance. LOSAC will be staffing an information table along the trail during the restoration and planting, discussing our Tree City USA designation, Emerald Ash Borer plan and leading a raffle for fruit trees. A member of City Council or LOSAC will also read the City of Lafayette's Arbor Day proclamation at the event.

Rob Burdine discussed with the committee the plans for the April 23<sup>rd</sup> workshop with the team supporting the PROST master plan process. Rob indicated he would also share the following with the committee and GreenPlay: Goals and objectives, Lynn's comments on PROST, and the final comments on the Wildlife Task Force report.

**Preparing for the PROST Master Plan workshop:** The committee discussed what it means to serve on a committee (such as PDAWG or the Comprehensive Plan) as a representative of LOSAC. These principles were identified:

- When you are serving on a committee as the representative of LOSAC, you are representing the committee's opinion
- You need to bring back information to LOSAC, and solicit LOSAC insight to take back to the outside committee on which you're serving
- You need to let staff know if you need to be on the LOSAC agenda to discuss outside committee items
- If you're going to be absent from your outside committee, you should look for another LOSAC member to cover

### Member Updates

Alison Fischer followed up with planning commission based on past discussions and notified LOSAC that the committee will now be submitting a blue form for every development. This was followed by a short committee discussion about how this process and communication could be improved, with continuing advocacy for transparency, accountability and open communication in the process.

Alison Hamm shared that she would be going to Big Bend National Park.

Councilor Mazza shared that City Council has now moved workshops to another night of the week resulting in three meetings a month. Discussions of Nine Mile Corner are still underway. A new animal control officer has started. A brief discussion ensued regarding the City of Lafayette's Open Space Ranger position.

Lynn Reidel shared that she attended the Lizard/Reptile program. She also encouraged Rob Burdine to check out the erosion control near some new construction and verify that it meets our wild land standards.

### **Planning Updates**

The committee reviewed the following items in the planning process, and submitted comments to planning:

- Willoughby Corner – sketch plan
- Concrete Works – sketch plan
- 40 North – preliminary plan
- Curling Facility – special use review

### **Next Agenda**

Thursday, May 2, 2019 is the next LOSAC meeting. Topics might include:

- Review of Arbor Day/Earth Day events
- Review of PROST Master Plan discussion on April 23
- Planning for the presentation for City Council
- PDAWG update from LOSAC representative
- COMP PLAN update from LOSAC representative
- Development Reviews

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Erin Frazier to adjourn. Luke Arrington seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Asst. to the Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_