

**CITY OF LAFAYETTE  
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
LAFAYETTE, COLORADO, FORMING THE PRAIRIE DOG  
ADVISORY WORKING GROUP**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lafayette desires to create a venue for addressing issues related to grassland ecosystems, wildlife protection approaches, specific prairie dog management techniques, and increased prairie dog/human land use conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to form a Prairie Dog Advisory Working Group to advise Council on matters related to grassland ecosystems, wildlife protection approaches, specific prairie dog management techniques, and increased prairie dog/human land use conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it necessary to include individuals with diverse views, interests and skills from the community to serve on the Working Group, and to establish parameters within which the Working Group shall function.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Lafayette, Colorado, as follows:

1. Creation of the Prairie Dog Advisory Working Group.

There is hereby created the Prairie Dog Advisory Working Group (the “Working Group”) for the purposes stated herein. The Working Group shall be appointed by City Council to serve without pay and shall consist of up to seven (7) regular members.

- A. One member from the City Council and one alternate from City Council shall serve as the Council liaison and a non-voting member.
- B. The City Administrator or his designee shall serve as the Staff liaison and a non-voting member.
- C. The Lafayette Open Space Advisory Committee (“LOSAC”) may appoint one member from LOSAC to serve as a voting member.
- D. The Council may appoint up to six voting members from the general public of at least eighteen (18) years of age, who can be either a resident or non-resident of the City.

2. Organization.

Upon their appointment, members of the Working Group shall meet and elect such officers as they deem necessary. The Working Group shall also adopt by-laws and rules of procedure consistent with applicable City Codes and requirements and state laws. Working Group meetings shall be open to the public. The Working Group shall cause to be kept written records of its proceedings, which shall be available to the public.

3. Purpose.

The Working Group is created to serve in an advisory capacity only. Working Group members do not represent the City when communicating individually or in subgroups with the general public. The role of Working Group members does not include enforcement of City policies or ordinances. The Working Group is created to make recommendations to the City Council on the following matters:

- A. To provide information to City Council about grassland or prairie ecosystem processes, the

benefits and impacts of wildlife habitat enhancement, and the benefits and impacts of protection of prairie or grassland ecological processes.

B. To prepare an accurate map of Lafayette's grassland or prairie ecosystems and existing prairie dog colonies.

C. To advise and inform the City Council about the causes of or contributing factors to, and the effects and impacts of, increased human land use/prairie dog conflicts.

D. To research, examine and assess the benefits and impacts of existing or potential strategies for addressing prairie dog/human land use conflicts and other wildlife habitat protection approaches.

E. To advise and inform the City Council about viable prairie dog relocation methods, viable prairie dog relocation areas, and land acquisition opportunities.

F. To provide input to City Council on possible revisions to policies and regulations to address matters such as the protection of the biodiversity and overall health of local natural ecosystems, the prevention of inhumane treatment of wildlife in the management of conflicts between prairie dogs and human land uses, and the balancing of ecosystem and wildlife protection with human land uses.

G. To develop educational information and activities related to the prairie or grassland ecosystem, prairie dogs in an urban context, and prairie dog management practices.

4. Intent of Appointment.

It is the intent of the City Council to make appointments to the Working Group among qualified members of the general public, regardless of their residency, who can think broadly about the subject matter, can understand the full range of community perspectives, and are willing to represent the community as a whole, rather than singularly representing a particular issue of concern, so as to enable the Working Group to provide meaningful input to the City Council as it relates to potential revisions to existing policies and City regulations.

5. Terms.

All voting members of the Working Group shall be appointed to serve two (2) year terms, at which time the Working Group will disband.

6. Vacancies.

In the event that any Working Group member ceases to be qualified to serve on the Working Group, or resigns or is removed therefrom, the Working Group may recommend a qualified replacement. Vacancies shall be filled by City Council appointment and shall be appointed to serve for the unexpired term.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

**CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO**

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Alexandra Lynch, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Susan Koster, CMC, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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David S. Williamson, City Attorney