



About the Position

The Lafayette Prairie Dog Advisory Working Group (PDAWG) is appointed by City Council to provide advice and information to assist the City in the protection and humane treatment of prairie dogs on public and private land. Working group members do not represent the City when communicating individually or in subgroups with the general public. The role of members does not include enforcement of policy or ordinance. The group itself can propose recommendations but does not have the authority to bind City staff to any decision.

Deadline for Applications: When there are openings on PDAWG, information about positions and deadlines are posted on this web page: <https://www.cityoflafayette.com/joinPDAWG>

- Submit application, a current resume, and a letter of interest addressed to the Mayor and City Council.
- Applications will be reviewed by the nominating committee and the Prairie Dog Advisory Group Liaison. Selected applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview.

Details

- Up to seven members will serve two-year terms.
- Meetings will be held as often as the group deems necessary and practical. Meeting dates can be found on the City Boards and Commissions Calendar: <https://cityoflafayette.com/boardscalendar>

Learn more:

- PDAG home page: <http://www.cityoflafayette.com/PDAWG>
- Establishing Document: <http://www.cityoflafayette.com/aboutPDAWG>
- Lafayette Open Space: <http://www.cityoflafayette.com/openspace>
- Lafayette Prairie Dog Policy: <http://www.cityoflafayette.com/prairiedogpolicy>

Requirements & Duties

- Registered voter (Lafayette residency NOT required)
- Attend meetings or special events as deemed necessary to promote the work of the committee.

The Group is established to serve in an advisory capacity to City Council and actively participate in the following matters:

- Provide advice and information about methods for prairie dog relocation (passive and active), including adaptable management practices
- Research current information about habitat enhancement and protection of the prairie ecosystem
- Develop and distribute advice and information about minimizing human neighbor conflicts with prairie dog colonies



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Member Application

- Provide support to create an accurate map of Lafayette's colonies
- Researching relocation areas and land acquisition opportunities and provide updates regarding relocation efforts
- Develop educational information about the prairie ecosystem, prairie dogs in an urban context and provide training workshops regarding habitat, treatment and relocation
- Regularly monitor local colonies to identify emerging situations and issues that may negatively impact prairie dogs within City limits
- Communicate about emerging issues and strategize solutions with appropriate staff contacts
- Provide review and comments on LOSAC's proposed revisions to the Lafayette Prairie Dog Policy (2017) on best practices for management purposes
- Provide input on draft regulations pertaining to prairie dog protection and management of private land in Lafayette, following a process determined by the City Council, City attorney and staff.
- Report findings and accomplishments and work products to City Council, LOSAC, Planning Commission, and staff.

Desired Qualifications or Interests

- Enthusiasm for urban wildlife, land conservation, passive recreation, and the natural world
- Knowledge of basic Colorado prairie ecosystem, wildlife terminology and best management practices
- Knowledge of basic Colorado real estate law
- Familiarity with the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan (PROST) and City of Lafayette Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- Participate in review/development of new Wildlife Management Plan
- Active community outreach, and volunteerism.

Member Responsibilities

- Engage in meaningful and productive dialogue
- Actively participate
- Become knowledgeable and focus on current discussion at hand
- Speak up if in opposition to a proposal
- Provide an explanation for all objections
- Avoid destructive language and personal attacks
- Read materials prior to meetings and come prepared
- Proactively work to keep constituents, colleagues, and managers informed about the groups work
- Disclose conflicts of interest.



Contact Staff Liaison

For more information, contact Rob Burdine, Open Space Superintendent, by phone at 303-661-1310, or online: <http://www.cityoflafayette.com/contactliaisons>

How to Apply

- View deadlines for open positions, then apply online: <http://www.cityoflafayette.com/joinPDAWG>
- Or, return this application, resume and cover letter, to Rob Burdine/LOSAC, 787 N. 95th St. Lafayette, CO 80026.

Supplemental Information: REQUIRED

All information provided to the City on this application, and on your resume (if required), is subject to the Colorado Open Records Act.

In addition to this application, please submit:

- Letter of interest addressed to the Mayor and City Council
- Current resume

About the Process

The City of Lafayette posts candidate applications (with personal information redacted) online after the deadline for a position has passed. Full applications and supplemental documents such as resumes are available from the City Clerk according to the Colorado Open Records Act. To view redacted applications for recently submitted applications: <http://www.cityoflafayette.com/boardsapplicants>

Applicant Information

Your application will be posted on the City's website after the deadline has passed and after personal information has been redacted.



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Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

I will have lived in the City of Lafayette for at least 12 months prior to my appointment.

YES__ NO__

I am registered to vote.

YES__ NO__

I understand that the information provided in this application is considered part of the public record and could be made available to others upon request.

YES__

STAFF USE ONLY

- Scan whole application and supplemental docs to archive per Colorado Open Records Act
- Scan Applicant Questionnaire only for online posting after deadline has passed.

Applicant Questionnaire

This section will be posted online after the deadline has passed.

Name: _____ **How long have you lived in Lafayette?** _____



1. Why would you like to serve on the Prairie Dog Advisory Working Group (PDAWG)?

2. Describe your history associated with community volunteerism and any current volunteer work.

3. What do you believe to be the 2-3 most pressing issues facing PDAWG, and how do you feel the PDAWG should address each issue?



4. Have you had any personal experience in dealing with issues related to open space? If so, what skills, ability, or experience would you bring to the group?

5. Are you willing to commit to a two-year term, or to fulfilling the remainder of an expired term?

6. Are you willing to attend monthly meetings (time and day to be determined)?

