

Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday November 7, 2013
6:00 pm, Regular Meeting
City Hall (Council Chambers)

Draft Minutes

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm. Those in attendance were Chair, Dave Belin, Vice Chair, Erin Frazier, Bob Spillman, Allison Hamm, Lynn Riedel, Planning Commission Liaison, Deborah Nickell, 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 Bob Spillman to approve the October 2013 minutes as amended. Allison Hamm seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Mr. Stevenson updated members on the flood damage repairs. The bridge behind the City Service Center has been reset. Open Space staff is working to do numerous soft-surface trail repairs along Coal Creek Trail in-house. Major work at the 120th Street underpass and several reroute sections will be completed utilizing engineers and contractors. FEMA reimbursements are being sought. All sections of Coal Creek Trail are currently closed. Some small volunteer projects will be conducted on small repair sections. Updates on the status of Coal Creek Trail can be found at www.cityoflafayette.com/trails. The goal is to have the entire stretch of Coal Creek Trail through Lafayette's city limits open by spring 2014.

The Lafayette Recreation and Facilities Management and Parks, Open Space, and Golf Departments have joined the ranks of park and recreation agencies and departments across the country by earning the prestigious CAPRA accreditation.

Topics for Discussion

Mr. Stevenson highlighted the final updates to the *Prairie Dog Policy*. The committee agreed that the changes to the policy were non-substantive and were effective to bring the policy up-to-date. In addition, nine properties are being designated as 'no prairie dog' (NPD) properties as well as trails and trail edges and will be reflected in revisions to the *Potential Prairie Dog Release Site Identification and Management Category Recommendations*. A motion was made by Erin Frazier to accept the additional recommended NPDs and the changes put forth on the Prairie Dog Policy. Bob Spillman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Members reviewed the 2013 Goals.

Member Updates

Lynn Riedel was cited in the *Daily Camera* for flora and fauna issues relating to Highway 36 in Boulder.

Planning Updates and Review

There were no items to review.

Next Agenda

Items for the next meeting include an executive session, election of chair and vice-chair, a trail status update, and 2014 goals.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Bob Spillman to adjourn. Erin Frazier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.