

Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting  
**Thursday March 6, 2014**  
**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 Dave Belin, Chair, Erin Frazier, Vice Chairperson, Lynn Riedel, Mark Dowling, Merrily Mazza, Allison Hamm, and Monte Stevenson, Director of Parks, Open Space and Golf.

### **Items from the Public**

Burt Matthews, City resident since 1996, expressed his hope that the City will introduce and/or entertain the possibility of a disc golf course within the City. Mr. Matthews expressed his interest in the idea of Waneka Lake Park as the location for such a course. Mr. Matthews also expressed his hope that the disc golf course would include some plantings as an integral part of the course. Monte Stevenson advised that this project will be undertaken by the Parks Dept and not necessarily an issue addressed by LOSAC, however multiple divisions (including Open Space) and managers will be co-implementing the installation of the course at Waneka Lake Park.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Dave Belin *to approve the February 2014 minutes*. February 2014 minutes were not yet available so it was decided to move this to April's meeting.

### **Reports**

Monte Stevenson reported that Jeff Moline is leaving employment with the City to take another position with Boulder County as Resource Planning manager. Jeff's last day with the City will be April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Monte advised that the job posting is currently on the City's website with a March 31 close date. End of April at the earliest until new Open Space division manager is selected. Monte Stevenson will act as liaison until position is filled.

Monte Stevenson addressed the committee as to the plans for implementing pedestrian crosswalks on 120<sup>th</sup> St. and S. Public Road where the Coal Creek Trail underpasses are closed and under repair. FEMA approved and paid for these "flashing lights" pedestrian implementations.

Ben Mazal was in attendance at this meeting. Ben was given the opportunity by Dave Belin to introduce himself to the committee. Ben will be taking over for Keri Davies as the Administrative Coordinator for Parks, Open Space & Golf reporting to Monte Stevenson. Ben's first day with the City was on February 27, 2014.

## Topics for Discussion

Monte Stevenson presented a rough draft of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Plan. LOSAC functions as the Tree Board for the City. Monte addressed each section of the plan step-by-step and presented the EAB plan as it pertained to city staff's recommended course of action to include: preventative measures, treatment of affected trees, future pest populations and quarantines within Boulder County. The committee as a whole provided collective edits/feedback to the plan's wording and commented on the recommended course of action for treatment of EAB, as a recommendation to City Council. Late spring of 2014 is the expected timeframe for the implementation of the Plan.

Erin Frazier made a motion to present the EAB Management Plan to Council for their approval, subject to completion of portions under review by other departments. Mark Dowling seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Goal assignments for 2014 were tabled until next session due to a lack of complete membership attendance.

Arbor Day discussion ensued. Monte recommended that Arbor Day 2014 be downsized to a smaller event due to Jeff Moline's departure and the focused efforts by FEMA and Open Space to continue the flood restoration projects as top priority in the coming weeks. It was recommended by Monte that Parks take over the Arbor Day 2014 event to include a possible tree planting in a park location to be determined at a later date. Dan Finn, Parks Superintendent will be called upon to assess Arbor Day 2014.

Discussion on PROST strategies ensued as they pertain to LOSAC and Open Space. The committee discussed the multi-modal transportation plan as a City-wide effort. It was determined to have the next Open Space Superintendent present before further defining open space's role in the multi-modal transportation plan as called out in PROST.

Discussion ensued on the donated storage building that is still disassembled and stored at the parks maintenance yard. The building is on hold and will remain in this state until a location is determined for its existence.

Erin Frazier suggested that Open Space continue its plan to acquire Open Space holdings. The committee agreed that this is a priority goal for open space.

Open Space enforcement issues were addressed. Monte added that the Police Dept is on board with possible bike patrols as well Boulder County's involvement in patrolling Open Space through Rangers as part of a future Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). Dave Belin suggested that being overly proactive in this area may not be a top priority at this time. Horse back riding traffic on Open Space was also addressed as well as dog-off-leash issues. It was determined to continue this discussion at subsequent meetings.

Education Outreach Program was addressed. Martin Ogle's review of his work and specific accomplishments to date were verbally cited by Erin Frazier. Jeff Moline's suggestion to continue with Entrepreneurial Earth, LLC contract was also cited.

Monte suggested the next Open Space Superintendent be involved in the future assessment of Martin Ogle's proposals. Monte also addressed the renewal of the Martin's contract through July, 2014 as a consultant for the Education Outreach Program.

Discussion about adjacent property owner fencing ensued. This topic was brought up at last month's meeting by a particular resident renter. The renter was advocating that the City fund and build a fence on the property as a barrier to protect the alpaca's on the property from trail traffic and barking dogs. In general the idea of Open Space erecting fences to protect people from Open Space activity does not parallel with LOSAC's philosophy on Open Space usage and development. The committee is not committed to setting the precedence of building fences as barriers between private land (including homes) and Open Space at this time.

### **Member Updates**

Dave Belin addressed the Kaiser grant and asked for clarification of the grant as it pertained to LOSAC and Open Space interests.

Mark Dowling brought up the bike route plan on Roosevelt St and conversation addressed the limitations and issues that pertain to this route. Dave Belin reminded the group that this is not necessarily a LOSAC topic. It was agreed that this may be included as part of the future multi-modal transportation plan discussion in the City.

Dave Belin shared his experience of a recent visit to Coal Creek Trail. He advised that he'd noticed that despite certain barriers people are still going around barriers at their leisure. Monte advised that the barriers are inclusive of wording that includes warnings.

The issue of Open Space's inclusion in the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was discussed. Ideas were offered about possible activities.

Thomas Farm veranda roofing was addressed when it comes to snow sliding off the veranda and what could be done to minimize this effect.

### **Planning Updates and Review**

There were no items to review.

### **Next Agenda**

Items for the next meeting include: recognition of Jeff Moline's career with the City; Arbor Day 2014; invitation to Martin Ogle to attend April meeting.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Lynn Riedel *to adjourn*. Mark Dowling seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.