

Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday June 5, 2014
6:00 pm, Regular Meeting
City Hall (Council Chambers)

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm. Those in attendance were Dave Belin, Chair; Erin Frazier, Vice Chairperson; Rob Burdine, Open Space Superintendent; Merrily Mazza; Lynn Riedel; Mark Dowling; and Monte Stevenson, Director of Parks, Open Space and Golf.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Erin Frazier to approve the May 2014 minutes. Mark Dowling seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

A motion was made to move to 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.

The Executive Session concluded at 6:41pm.

Items from the Public

No Items from the Public....

Reports

Monte Stevenson reported on the status of Coal Creek Trail restoration project. The project was approved by City Council on Tuesday, June 3rd. There were 3 bids on the project ranging from \$750,000 to \$1.2 million. DeFalco Construction was awarded the bid and the city will move forward with contract.

Monte addressed the group about the International Family Missions land purchase contract. Environmental survey yet to be performed and legal counsel is reviewing contract. Closing date is July 15th, 2014. There is a 5-6 week window to complete environmental survey. At this time no company has been selected but calls have been made to line up some offers.

Topics for Discussion

Rob Burdine, Open Space Superintendent addressed the committee on the scope of hard closures that will be in place on Coal Creek Trail at S. Public Rd. The trail must be closed to users for safety and for construction activities.

Monte and Rob addressed the committee about current work with Merrick & Co. to re-design the Coal Creek trailhead parking lot at S. Public Rd. The design includes a permanent restroom option that is being explored and potential re-route of trail to accommodate the project.

Dave Belin asked about the Flagg Park Trailhead. Rob addressed the question with current status of Flagg Park. Photos of the trailhead were reviewed with the committee and new features were pointed out: vault bathroom, signage and new parking surface. Grand Opening is scheduled for June 24th at 3:30pm

Rob discussed some of the activity and/or challenges he's encountered in his first 3 weeks as superintendent. These topics included:

Trail flooding by spring runoff and farm irrigation overflow; two seasonal employees are active; Martin Ogle to work on/improve Outdoor Classroom; Martin to attend a few events this summer i.e. Go Services senior event at Waneka; Meet Me on a Sunday; full team of Youth Corps in 2014; Martin Ogle education outreach initiatives and potential activities.

Monte discussed Entrepreneurial Earth, LLC contract. Current contract terminates in July. It is intended that a year-long contract will be offered to Martin for 2015 with a short term contract to finish out this year. Monte reminded the committee that Martin's efforts may want to be focused on the vision of Open Space and not become diluted by other outreach initiatives.

Allison Hamm commented on the outrage portrayed by some opponents of the disc golf course at Waneka. Monte reminded the committee that disc golf course is not handled by Open Space. It is maintained by Parks and programmed by Recreation department

Lynn Riedel asked about Outdoor Classroom check grass removal. She discussed her recent removal of cheat grass. Rob discussed that he has a plan to seed and re-veg areas of Outdoor Classroom.

Rob Burdine discussed his resume and background. He described his history and passion for environmental management. He also described how he ended up in his current position as Superintendent of Lafayette Open Space.

Open Space Day was discussed along with the venue and date. Options are on the table and being reviewed prior to event.

JULY – National Parks & Rec Month. Dave Belin addressed the committee on the plan for LOSAC's involvement covering activities. Discussion ensued among the committee to determine calendar event responsibilities. Open Space has 4 days on the calendar. Family Bike Ride, July 20th; Bird Native Plant Trip, July 27th

Discussion ensued about detour fences that were vandalized on the Coal Creek Trail and staff's plans to remedy this including police involvement. Staff will replace detour signs and arrows to direct traffic through S. Public Rd. trail detour.

Member Updates

Erin Frazier asked about July LOSAC meeting due to July 4th holiday. July 3rd and 10th are being discussed. July 9th is an option. July 4th firework celebration is happening in Lafayette.

Peach Festival booth was questioned. August 19th is date for Peach Festival.

Mark Dowling explained that this is his last LOSAC meeting. He is moving to Denver. Mark will submit a formal letter of resignation to City Council. The search process will take place for his replacement and recommendations will follow regular protocol.

A motion was made to accept Mark Dowling's resignation from LOSAC and re-designate alternate members to replace his position. LOSAC made a motion to replace Mark Dowling's position with Lyn Riedel from alternate #1 to regular member. The motion was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dave Belin was adult volunteer for his child's camp at Cal-Wood field trip. He discussed his experience and the physical nature of the camp.

Erin Frazier asked about 120th St and the oil field access road. She suggested that this site on open space would make a great location for a mountain vista.

Planning Updates and Review

There were no items to review.

Next Agenda

- Open Space Day discussion
- Peach Festival planning
- Search committee for LOSAC members
- 2014 Goal Assignments pending full attendance
- National Parks and Rec Month

Adjournment

A motion was made by Erin Frazier to adjourn. Mark Dowling seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Chairperson _____ Date _____

Administrative
Coordinator _____ Date _____