

Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday August 2, 2012
6:00 pm, Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

Draft Minutes

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM. Those in attendance were Dave Belin, Mark Dowling, Bob Spillman, Josh Abram, Lynn Reidel, Allison Hamm, City Councilmember, Steve Kracha, Open Space Superintendent, Jeff Moline, 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 Josh Abram *to approve the July 2012 minutes*. Bob Spillman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Monte Stevenson emphasized the importance of having representation at the joint committees and board meeting at the library on August 9. Josh Abram intends on attending and will bring print and visual materials to share. Members discussed the possibility of forming a political action committee or an issue committee.

September 29 is the date of the county-wide open space joint meeting which includes all open space entities within Boulder County.

The city is in negotiations with Burlington Northern Santa Fe for a stretch of land on the eastern side of the city.

Jeff Moline updated members on a number of trail projects throughout the city. The 120th Street Underpass project is almost complete. Construction is scheduled to begin soon on the Coal Creek Regional Trail - Eastern Link project and should be completed by the end of the year. The Powerline Trail (west) project is complete. A northern trail segment is being constructed along the northern edge of Mayhoffer 15 Open Space.

Topics for Discussion

A motion was made by Bob Spillman *to approve a resolution to support the extension of the Legacy Open Space Tax*. Mark Dowling seconded the motion. Josh Abram abstained. The motion passed.

Boulder County has invited the city to provide documentation regarding open space and trails requests. Members and staff reviewed and revised the previously submitted acquisition list. A motion was made by Josh Abram to approve staff's recommendation.

to City Council on the city's open space and trails priority list for Boulder County which will match up with the Tier I items. Bob Spillman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Members made minor revisions to the committee by-laws. A motion was made by Josh Abram to recommend the adoption of the by-laws as amended. Bob Spillman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Members reviewed the education and outreach events in July. All events were successful. The bike ride allowed people to view many new trail improvements. Josh Abram suggested holding additional bike/trail tours this fall. Councilor Kracha suggested using NextDoor.com to spread the word on biking events. He offered to discuss this idea with Debbie Wilmot, the city's Public Information Officer.

The committee has signed up to host a booth at the Lafayette Peach Festival. Josh Abram offered to help setup and staff the booth in the morning. Dave Belin will organize the staffing of the booth. Jeff Moline will get the supplies to Josh Abram the day before the event.

Member Updates

Lynn Reidel enjoyed the bike ride outreach event. She also inquired about managing the social trails near the Public Road Trailhead. The committee had decided to leave that trail for the time.

Jeff Moline mentioned that there is a problematic dog poop issue near Helios Station.

Councilor Kracha enjoyed a trip to Bryce Canyon.

Planning Updates and Review

There were no items to review.

Next Agenda

Possible items for the agenda are the prairie dog policy and the Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Trails Master Plan process.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Josh Abram to adjourn. Bob Spillman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.