

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

## **Minutes**

### **Call to Order / Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm. Those in attendance were Dave Belin, Erin Frazier, Josh Abram, Bob Spillman, Lynn Riedel, Mark Dowling, Gary Klaphake, City Administrator, Jeff Moline, Open Space Superintendent, and Monte Stevenson, Parks, Open Space and Golf Director.

Also in attendance were Teresa Penbrooke of GreenPlay, LLC, Bill Mangle and Andy Cole of ERO Resources Corp., and Keri Davies, Senior Administrative Assistant for the Parks, Open Space and Golf Department.

### **Items from the Public**

There were no items from the public.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Lynn Riedel to approve the August 2012 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mark Dowling and 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 ended at 6:45pm.

A motion was made by Erin Frazier and seconded by Josh Abram to allow Allison Hamm to listen to the September 6 executive session should she desire to do so. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Topics for Discussion**

ERO Resources and GreenPlay staff provided an introductory presentation to the Lafayette Parks Recreation Open Space and Trails Master Plan process. ERO will lead the ecological and natural resource aspects of the plan. Public input focus groups and meetings will be held the week of September 24. GreenPlay will also utilize MindMixer, an online discussion forum. Roles, goals, and methods for the master plan were discussed as they pertain to open space issues such as future land acquisition, multi-modal and trail connectivity regionally and locally, ranking and prioritization, improvements, education opportunities, historical aspects, funding of maintenance, and resource values. Direction was provided to ERO by members on the current program and future aims. ERO was asked to cross-check a narrowed set of the update work that has been done by staff and by the committee. Survey topics discussed are dogs off-leash and dog-trail user interactions, trailhead improvements and wayfinding signage, management and stewardship, value in open space engagement events, enforcement

of ordinances, and challenging issues faced in the open space program such as social trail use, amenities, enforcement, signage, land dedication, coordinated efforts with Public Works and Community Development on connectivity routes, neighbors outside of city limits, and education outreach. Flagg Park Trailhead improvements and redesign has been funded and will begin this winter or spring of 2013. The committee discussed ways Lafayette's open space program helps the city juxtaposition itself from neighboring entities - a healthy and active community provided with undeveloped buffers, trail corridors, and local agriculture.

Monte Stevenson reviewed the intergovernmental agreement between the city, Boulder County and the City of Louisville to supply water from Hecla Reservoir to Harney-Lastoka Open Space. Approximate cost to Lafayette is sixty thousand dollars. Members expressed some concern that the location of the open space property hinders the Lafayette community from reaping equal benefits from the projects on the parcel. A motion was made by Josh Abram to recommend to City Council the intergovernmental agreement. Erin Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dave Belin provided a summary of the joint Lafayette-Broomfield council meeting on trail connections which included discussion on Two Creeks Open Space.

The community survey results concerning open space and trails were reviewed. Citizen satisfaction scored above average on preservation of natural areas. Overall, open space fared very well on the survey.

## **Reports**

Monte Stevenson reported that the committee's open space and trails priority list recommendation to Boulder County is going to city council on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September.

Public Works is working on an IGA with other jurisdictions on a reclaimed water line to Goosehaven Reservoir. The project will impact Rothman Open Space.

A request for proposals is going out on September 7 for the council-approved solar project at Thomas Open Space.

The Grove Foundation fundraising event will be held again at Thomas Open Space on September 15. Isabelle Farm is hosting the event.

Jeff Moline reported that some improvements are being done at Thomas Open Space to attempt to mitigate neighbor concerns.

Open Space Day will be held just east of Coal Creek East Open Space on October 6 from 9-11am. Volunteers will help build a trail section, and then seed and revegetate the area. Online registration is encouraged.

## **Member Updates**

Mark Dowling reported that the Peach Festival presence was successful. He also inquired if Three Leaf Farm is authorized to utilize water from Coal Creek. Staff reported that the operation has water rights.

Bob Spillman reported that he will not be present at the October meeting, and he will be playing at the community center at Anthem on October 13, the Broomfield Auditorium

on October 27, and Mackey Auditorium on November 13.

Members who attended Peach Festival thanked staff for providing the tent and other items.

The Good Sam Bike Jam is Sunday, September 16. Bob Spillman will lead the walking route.

Louisville is hosting the grand opening of the Colorado Tech Center connector trail to Coal Creek Trail on Friday, September 14.

### **Planning Updates and Review**

Members reviewed and provided comments back on the Coal Creek Village North referral and the SOLA referral.

### **Next Agenda**

Items for the next agenda are an executive session, a Harney Lastoka Open Space water supply update, and Open Space Day.

### **Adjourn**

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

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Administrative Assistant: \_\_\_\_\_