Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday February 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 6:02PM. Those in attendance were Allison Hamm, Mark Dowling, Dave Belin, Bob Spillman, Lynn Riedel, Erin Frazier, Steve Kracha, City Council Member, Gary Klaphake, City Administrator, Monte Stevenson, Director of Parks, Open Space and Golf, and Jeff Moline, Open Space Superintendent.

Items from the Public

Mary Kissingbaum of 407 W Lucern Drive, near the corner of Hwy 287 and Arapahoe Road, expressed concern about the potential loss of wildlife habitat and "open space" due to proposed development near her home related to the possible expiration of the existing IGAs. She also noted the area has a lack of trails.

Gary Klaphake explained that the IGAs basically serve as 'anti-annexation' agreements. The IGAs have nothing to do with ownership of the land.. He explained that the City of Lafayette attorney is conferring with the Boulder County attorney. The prices being paid for the properties in this area are currently outside the city's 'open space rates' as they are being sold at commercial prices.

Kirra Kurvink, of West Lucern Drive, stated that the neighbors are working with Boulder County to have the area recognized as important wildlife habitat. Kirra also expressed concern that another piece of property in the area has recently been listed for sale.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Bob Spillman <u>to approve the January 2013 minutes</u>. Allison Hamm seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Monte Stevenson reported that the BNSF Railroad land sale closed February 1, 2013. Trail planning is underway with Public Works and Community Development.

The Boulder County Youth Corps contract is on the February 19 City Council agenda.

2013 LOSAC goals and progress report will be presented to City Council on February 19.

The Harney-Lastoka pipeline project is under design. Construction is slated to begin this spring.

Lynn Riedel and Mark Dowling volunteered to participate on the Lafayette-Pioneer Outdoor Play Yard Task Force. The first meeting is February 11.

Topics for Discussion

Gary Klaphake provided an update on the Broomfield IGA for Mountain View Egg Farm and Coal Creek Trail. The City and County of Broomfield has offered to pay \$461,666 to the City of Lafayette in contribution toward the almost completed regional trail through Two Creeks Open Space, the removal of the chicken barns and a trail connection from Coal Creek Trail to the Anthem neighborhood. Title ownership of the property will not be modified. A motion was made by Bob <u>Spillman to recommend that City Council accept the offer from Broomfield</u>. Erin Frazier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Gary Klaphake updated members on the continuing negotiations with Boulder Valley School District for a portion of the Domenico property. The school district has until 2016 to pass a bond issue for the construction of a school on the property which consists of 12 acres.

There was some discuss about the State Highway 7 study. Indications are that instead of creating a bypass around the City, the selected proposal will utilize existing and future intersection improvements in order to split and disperse traffic flows to the north and south.

Gary Klaphake gave the committee and staff kudos on obtaining the BNSF railway segment.

A motion was made by Bob Spillman <u>to nominate Dave Belin as Chairperson</u>. The nomination passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bob Spillman <u>to nominate Erin Frazier as Vice Chairperson</u>. The nomination passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Erin Frazier *to approve the 2013 goals*. Bob Spillman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Members reviewed the 2012 accomplishments which included the grand opening of the barn, trail construction projects, the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan, volunteer and education events, renewal of the Legacy Open Space Tax, Coal Creek Eastern Link Trail project, opening of the Thomas Open Space Barn, PROST Master Plan process, and the update to the city's Comprehensive Plan.

Members did not express a need to appeal to City Council for discretionary funds.

Member Updates

Jeff Moline helped rescue a hawk while on the Two Creeks Open Space Complex.

Councilor Kracha spotted two foxes near his back yard. He also reported the development of a social trail that connects the Waneka Lake Trail loop and the souther n end of the trail to the west side of Greenlee Wildlife Preserve.

Dave Belin spotted a coyote near his workplace in Boulder.

Lynn Riedel noted that there are some single tracks, social trail developments on both sides of the Rock Creek Trail east of 120th Street. She suggested that signage be provided that had regulations pertaining to dogs on-leash be posted.

Planning Updates and Review

There were no updates to review.

Next Agenda

Items for the next meeting will include the draft PROST Master Plan presentation, the Outdoor School Play Yard initiative, and Arbor Day planning.

Adjournment

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