

Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday March 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 6:01PM. Those in attendance were Dave Belin, Mark Dowling, Lynn Riedel, Josh Abram, Bob Spillman, City Councilman, Steve Kracha, Planning Commission Liaison, Paul Knuth, and Parks, Open Space and Golf Director, Monte Stevenson. Also in attendance were Dave Peterson of Design Concepts, Bill Mangle of ERO Resources, and Keri Davies of the Parks, Open Space and Golf Department.

Items from the Public

Dick Schillawski of 1160 N. 119th Street congratulated Lynn Riedel on her attendance at the last POSAC meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Lynn Riedel *to approve the February 2013 minutes*. Bob Spillman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Eldorado K-8 will be conducting the removal of some Russian olives as part of the education and outreach efforts of the open space program.

A 90 minutes workshop is scheduled with City Council on April 2 to review the draft version of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan. The plan is tentatively scheduled for adoption on April 16.

The Great Outdoors Colorado School Play Yard Initiative proposed project at the Outdoor Classroom and Escuela Bilingüe Pioneer has been halted due to challenges with the deadline and issues Boulder Valley School District had with the project.

The solar project at Thomas Open Space is nearly complete. Xcel Energy needs to do some minor work to render the project complete.

Topics for Discussion

Bill Mangle led a review of open space related portions of the draft Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan. Bill will work with Jeff Moline, the city's Open Space Superintendent, to retain the critical, operational details from the 2005 Open Space and Trails Master Plan. Fourteen areas were identified and evaluated for open space preservation. Recommendations are put through a matrix so that they are evaluated on a credible basis although other opportunities are not precluded from being considered for the open space program and measured through the use of the matrix. Centralized operations are key to finding efficiencies within open space as well as parks. Seasonal staff is the most likely place to start for providing resources to the open

space program. Enforcement of existing ordinances is important but the program is not currently at a place where rangers are necessary. The plan will recommend strengthened efforts between Animal Control, the Police Department and the Parks, Open Space and Golf Department. Enhancement of the tools used for land conservation is included as a recommendation in the PROST Master Plan. Members liked the third party assistance language in the plan. Some IGA/rural preservation lands have been ranked. It was recommended that open space staff put the IGA identified properties through the evaluation matrix for use as a working document for committee members. A map indicating the expiration dates of the existing IGAs will also be provided as a working tool for the members. Dave Peterson explained that Resource Map B: Open Space Access attempts to project the *matrix values of a property* within a 1 mile radius. The PROST Master Plan will provide a Connectivity Framework Map which will act as a starting point for the Multi-Modal Transportation Plan which will be developed by the Public Works, Community Development and Parks, Open Space and Golf departments.

Two Creeks Open Space may not be available for an Arbor Day planting project. Other possibilities may be the planting of three trees at Thomas Open Space or a tree giveaway at the library or at the LOSAC booth on April 20th and 21st at Jax's Earth Day celebration. The library may have some Arbor Day programs on April 20 including having Chris Berry do an event for his recently published book on birds. Jeff Moline will email out timeslots for manning the booth at LOSAC.

Member Updates

Mark Dowling attended the Highway 7 open house in Brighton. Erie proposes to realign County Line Road so that the new Coal Creek Trail will go under the street.

Josh Abram informed members of several proposed state legislative bills that might affect the management of rodents and weeds.

Lynn Riedel reported on the POSAC meeting she attended. POSAC reviewed the Boulder County Comp Plan update and the environmental elements within that update.

Steve Kracha noted that the city's strategic plan on fracking is serving the community well.

Dave Belin reported that the LOSAC presentation to City Council was excellent and thanked Jeff Moline for his efforts.

Planning Updates and Review

There were no planning items to review.

Next Agenda

Items for the next meeting include Arbor Day planning and the PROST Master Plan. It may be appropriate in May or June to have someone from a conservation group come and give a presentation.

Adjourn

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