Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday September 5, 2013 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting

City Hall (Council Chambers)

Draft Minutes

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM. Those in attendance were Dave Belin, Erin Frazier, Bob Spillman, Lynn Riedel, Mark Dowling, Josh Abram, Planning Commission Liaison Deb Nichol, Council Member Steve Kracha and Open Space Superintendent Jeff Moline.

Items from the Public

Pete D'Oronzio of 725 Aegean Drive in Lafayette requested that Roosevelt Drive be marked with a bike lane or path and that a connection at the southern end of the street (near the Flatirons Community Church north parking lot) be made. He also demonstrated his desire to have a bike and pedestrian master plan created for the city. Josh Abram made a motion that LOSAC support the opening of the closed fence at the southern end of Roosevelt Drive because it is an important trail connection. Bob Spillman seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Josh Abram and Erin Frazier offered to attend the City Council meeting on September 17.

Jeff Moline shared a comment from a resident of Lake Meadows Estates. The resident requested that the social trail along the stormwater drainage be formalized.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Erin Frazier <u>to approve the August 2013 minutes</u>. Mark Dowling seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Jeff Moline reported that the improvements at Flagg Park Trailhead are close to beginning.

A drainage improvement at the Outdoor Classroom will begin soon and will cause a minor trail disruption.

Keri Davies is working on a grant application with Debbie Wilmot to Kaiser Permanente for high-impact bike and pedestrian strategies.

Topics for Discussion

Jeff Moline discussed oil and gas activities on Open Space properties. Boulder County takes the lead on the majority of the properties which have mineral activities and in which Lafayette has an interest.

Council Kracha shared comments he heard at the Peach Festival – a) the silver maple trees near the playground at Waneka Lake Park are nearing the end of their lifespan and b) the Highway 287 underpass on Rock Creek Trail which is maintained by the county is damaged. Josh Abram shared that a citizen requested benches on Kneebone Open Space. Mr. Abram also asked about the existence of a bench inventory. Mark Dowling reported that generally, Peach Festival visitors expressed support for the City's Open Space program.

Open Space Day will be on October 5. Volunteers will help build a trail segment on the recently acquired corridor formerly owned by BNSF. Details are online at www.cityoflafayette.com/openspaceday.

There has been a request from the Good Sam Bike Jam to lead the four mile walk on September 15. Bob Spillman and Jeff Moline offered to participate.

Josh Abram will contact Jax regarding hosting a booth at the Jax Farmer's Market.

Member Updates

Erin Frazier offered to create a more formal display for some of the Open Space Education and Outreach materials—especially the scat game. She also reminded members that the GROWE Fish to Farm fundraising event at Thomas Open Space is on September 21. In terms of disseminating Open Space information via the web, 113 subscribers are registered to receive online news reports. Erin lost an ash tree in the recent wind storm.

Bob Spillman reported that the ribbon cutting for the Eastern Link was successful and that Dave Belin gave a very meaningful speech.

Lynn Riedel reported on the September 28th annual meeting of the CO Native Plan Society. Field trips are on September 29th.

Josh Abram reported that the Youth Advisory Committee meeting went well and he encouraged their members to attend LOSAC meetings if they have information they would like to share about relevant topics.

Dave Belin indicated that the Eastern Link ribbon cutting ceremony was good.

Planning Updates and Review

Jeff Moline shared his comments on The Trails at Coal Creek Development proposal (US 287 and Coal Creek). Members provided additional comments on the proposal.

Next Agenda

Items for the next agenda include an education and outreach programming proposal, prairie dog policy update, the KP Walk and Wheel grant proposal, and a debrief of the City Council transportation issue meeting.

Adjournment

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