

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS CITY OF LAFAYETTE

## PRAIRIE DOG ADVISORY WORKING GROUP MEETING

April 18, 2019

### Call to Order

The April 18, 2019 Prairie Dog Advisory Working Group Meeting began at 6:32 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Lafayette City Hall, 1290 S. Public Road, Lafayette, Colorado.

### Roll Call

Those in attendance included Councilor Mazza, PDAWG Members Deb Jones, Susan Sommers, and Sheree Seabury, PDAWG Staff Liaison Caruso, and City Attorney's Williamson and Martin. Also in attendance was Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Director Stevenson and Open Space Superintendent Burdine.

### Regular Session

Caruso discussed the overall intention of the convening of the PDAWG. Caruso explained the agenda for the first meeting, and subsequent meetings. Councilor Mazza stated what she is looking for from the group.

Martin gave a presentation regarding state law and wildlife, how the Department of Natural Resources handles relocation of prairie dogs, and what other cities such as Longmont, Boulder, and Thornton are handling the removal and relocation of prairie dogs. These included a permitting system, use or non-use of certain chemicals, habitat restoration fee, etc.

The group periodically asked clarifications or other questions. Members Jones, Sommers, and Seabury discussed the legal aspects of prairie dog removal and relocation. Members Jones and Sommers discussed live-trapping and relocating.

The group created a Parking Lot Recommendation List. Added to the list were: 1) permitting process; 2) use or non-use of certain chemicals either voluntarily or as a condition of an application; and 3) habitat restoration fee; 4) creating handouts to give to the public on how to effectively deal with prairie dogs; 5) using public relations tools to get in front of the issue.

The group discussed what topics should make the second meeting agenda. Recommended were the Department of Natural Resources, Prairie Dog Coalition, Butterfly Pavilion, and John Vickorie.

### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

**CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO**

**ATTEST**

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Roger Caruso, PDAWG Staff Liaison

The minutes herein are a summary of the business conducted at this meeting, not a verbatim transcription. Only the actions taken and the text appearing in quotation marks are verbatim.