



**MEETING NOTES
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 8, 2025
6:00 PM
SUPERIOR COMMUNITY CENTER
1500 COALTON ROAD**

This meeting will be held in person and online. Members of the public may [participate in the meeting via Zoom](#) or [view the meeting on YouTube](#) (closed captioning available). The recording of the meeting will be made available after the meeting on [YouTube](#) and at [SuperiorColorado.gov](#)

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:00pm.
2. **Preliminary Matters**
 - a. **Roll Call (6:00)**

Present: Kara Neuse (*Chair*), Rita Trainer (*Vice Chair*), Michael McDonnell, Tracey Bain, Amber Greves, Jeff Wade, Cristi Verbeck, Joann Maneri, and Todd Gleeson. The members present constituted a quorum.

Absent: Mike Foster

Staff present: Phary Om (*Staff Liaison*) and Leslie Clark (*PROS Director*)

Trustee Liaison present: Stephanie Miller substitute
 - b. **Approval of Agenda (6:03):** The Chair asked for any corrections or additions to the Agenda. None being offered, the agenda was approved by consensus.
 - c. **Public Comment (limit 5 minutes/person) (6:04):** No members of the public were in attendance, either personally or virtually.
3. **Discussion Items**
 - a. **Staff Updates [Leslie Clark/Phary Om] (6:05):** **Leslie:** The goats are back in town and grazing. A public event with the goats will be scheduled later. Tree & brush removal is scheduled for February 21-22, with March 2 as an alternate date. An open house honoring former Town Trustees Bob McCool and Sandie Hammerly, and celebrating 2024 Superior volunteers will be held Friday, January 10 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Superior Community Center. **Phary:** Peter Ruprecht will conduct a training session for the Raptor Monitoring Program on Saturday, January 11th from 10:00am to noon at the Superior Community Center. Thirty-four volunteers have signed up through the CitSci platform. Training for the Wildlife Monitoring Program was successful. There are twenty-four volunteers signed up through CitSci. Winter programs will begin such as: Birdwatching for beginners with Naturalist Dave Sutherland on March 30th 10:00am-noon, Eco-Ranger Wildlife Awareness course with Greenwood Village staff beginning on February 2nd 1pm-3pm and Nature Journaling with Open Space Ranger on January 25th 10am-noon. Check Civic Rec website for more information and registration.
 - b. **Open Space Management Plan (OSMP) (6:12):** **Leslie:** presented a proposed timeline for updating the OSMP with a goal of completing the update by July 23rd. **Kara** questioned whether the timeline allowed sufficient time for all steps to be completed and how community input would be sought. She further suggested we offer ideas as to how to proceed with the update at next month's meeting. A suggestion was also made that we review the 2010 OSMP.
 - c. **Endorse Bird City Proclamation (6:38):** The floor was opened to any comments regarding the draft proclamation to proclaim a specific day in May 2025 as World Migratory Bird Day; no issues were raised. *Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was unanimously resolved that*



OSAC hereby recommends that the Superior Town Council proclaim a specific day in May 2025 as World Migratory Bird Day. Leslie noted that a Town Council meeting date will be targeted for reading of the proclamation.

- d. **2025 Selection of Officers, Assignments and Work Plan Adoption (6:40):** *On motions made and duly seconded, Kara and Rita were unanimously re-elected Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.* Assignments of role for 2025 were considered for each item on the Work Plan. All assignments were volunteered for, and Rita will list and distribute the assignments.
- e. **Wildlife Camera Update (7:38):** Tracey noted that the camera is working well, but that it is too often triggered by wind and trash, and that we might want to consider moving it to another location where it will collect more data.
- f. **Rodenticides Campaign Plan/Policy Recommendation? (7:46):** *Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was unanimously resolved that OSAC hereby recommends that the Superior Town Council take the following actions:*
 - i. **Develop a vigorous public education campaign** to discourage the use of all rodenticides. This plan could include email, social media, and website content designed to educate residents. Volunteers from OSAC, our raptor and wildlife monitoring programs, and wildlife encouragement team would work with the Town's communications team to develop potential talking points and alternatives to rodenticides for the communication plan.
 - ii. **Adopt a Town Proclamation** encouraging residents and local businesses to avoid the use of rodenticides. OSAC recommends the following wording: *Due to the significant risks to our wildlife, residents, and pets, the Superior Town Council encourages all citizens, local businesses, and pest control companies operating in Superior to avoid the use of rodenticides. Learn more about the dangers and alternatives to rodenticides on the Alternatives to Rodenticides web page on the Superior website* [Link to page when developed].
 - iii. **Follow and endorse the development of a potential Colorado legislative bill** banning the use of all first- and second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in the state of Colorado. Note that many countries, including those in Europe, have already restricted or banned the use of second-generation anticoagulants due to environmental concerns. In the U.S., 2011 EPA regulations restricted the residential use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides, commonly referred to as 'long-acting anticoagulants.' Several states, including California, have taken steps to limit their use, particularly around sensitive habitats.
- g. **OSAC Roundtable (7:56): Phary:** The Eco-Ranger Wildlife Awareness Course on how to respond to injured or sick animals will be held at the Superior Community Center every Sunday 1:00-3:00pm from February 2 to March 30. The course will be free (but \$10 donations per course is invited), sign-ups will be required via Civic Rec, anyone signing up can attend any or all classes. **Leslie:** The Town has been advised that portions of the parking lot and trail project at Coyote Ridge lie in the CDOT right-of-way, so new portions will have to be designed. On the planned Marshall Fire Memorial Project near Oerman Roche trailhead, there has been no opposition by Boulder County so far. **Tracey** noted that wooden floating platforms were requested for ducks/geese at Purple Park, Volleyball Pond, and Island Pond.
- h. **Reminders (8:10)**
 - i. None

4. Updates

- a. **Standing Updates (8:10)**



- i. **Rocky Mountain Greenway (Rocky Flats):** See above.
 - ii. **Raptor Program.** Nothing new.
 - iii. **Wildlife Monitoring Program** (including Raptor Monitoring Program): All monitoring summaries & notes will be sent to the Town Council. Photos are posted on CitSci (Citizens for Science) app and website.
 - iv. **Trail Etiquette:** Nothing new.
 - v. **CitSci Update:** See above.
 - vi. **Wildlife Update:** Nothing new.
 - vii. **Prairie Dog Plan Update:** Nothing new.
 - viii. **Grant Asks:** Nothing new.
 - ix. **Communications Update (for Kevin Colon):** Nothing new.
5. **Adjourn:** The Chair declared the meeting finally adjourned at 8:16pm.