



MEETING NOTES
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 12, 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 (6:00): 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 Trainor (*Vice Chair*), Tracey Bain, Amber Greves, Joann Maneri, Todd Gleeson, Cristi Verbeck (via Zoom), and Jeff Wade (via Zoom). The members present constituted a quorum.

Absent: Michael McDonnell

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

Trustee Liaison present: Heather Cracraft (*substituting for Mike Foster*)

b. Approval of Agenda (6:05): 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) (6:07): No members of the public were in attendance, either personally or virtually.

3. Discussion Items

a. Staff Updates [Leslie/Phary] (6:02): Leslie Clark noted that (1) construction on the pedestrian bridge to Grasso Park is scheduled to begin on March 3rd, depending on the weather; and (2) related to our Open Space Management Plan, on Monday the Town Council heard excellent presentations on the Town's Comprehensive and the Transportation Plans. Phary Om noted that (1) at Purple Park, from 9am to noon on Saturday, May 17, our first World Migratory Bird Day event will be held, in our quest to obtain our Bird City certification. Staff will attend, and committee members are also asked to attend. *A motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved to recommend to the Council that the sum of \$500 be allotted for the purchase of raffle items and brochures for the event, which includes National Trails Day;* (2) The National Trails Day event will be held from 9am to noon on Saturday, June 7, at the Coalton Trailhead; (3) A CitSci page will be added for Weed Warriors this season; (4) As an update on yesterday's breakfast with Butterfly Pavilion, we met with Open Space representatives of several municipalities and shared information regarding goals, mutual assistance, etc; (5) Todd Gleeson inquired as to results from any study as to the long-term effects of goat-grazing, and Leslie noted that no report from Butterfly Pavilion's UPP (Urban Prairies Project) has been received yet. Several committee members and staff noted that there are several groups and individuals (including Butterfly Pavilion) provide monitoring of properties, wetlands, etc. Phary noted that training is available through Butterfly Pavilion for anyone who wants to

do monitoring, and participation is encouraged; (6) In anticipation of a fishing clinic program, a CPW officer is verifying whether one of the ponds would support fish; options are being explored; (7) People are reminded and encouraged to sign up for our various open space nature programs. A very good Eco-Ranger Wildlife Awareness program was recently held with four people showing up; (8) Owl Prowl will be held on Friday, April 11 at 7:15pm-8:15pm at Community Park Basketball Court; (9) A hunter education program hosted by CPW officers is being planned for June.

- b. Friends of Coal Creek Update (6:29):** Casey Lyons, Executive Director of Friends of Coal Creek, presented the organization's 10-year plan to complete a Coal Creek Pollinator District, which will consist primarily of a connected series of "co-habitat circles" along Coal Creek (35 miles) from Golden to Erie. Various communities that share a "creek and habitat mindset," including Superior, are expected to collaborate in completing the district, which will be administered by Butterfly Pavilion. The goals for Superior are described in the brochure "Superior: A Place for Pollinators." For more information, visit the [Friends of Coal Creek website](#) or by emailing friendsofcoalcreek@gmail.com. A program regarding the project will be presented on April 8 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Louisville Recreation Center. This program is aimed for Louisville and Superior residents. Participation is encouraged.
- c. Coyote Ridge Parking Lot (6:57):** Leslie noted that the ADA trail is to be shifted a bit north to avoid the CDOT right-of-way. There is room for 24 parking spaces, but they do not all have to be marked out. A few of these spaces will be handicapped/ADA parking.
- d. Discussion of Marketing our community outreach events, programs, and open space amenities (7:07):** Discussion was held on the marketing aspects of the goat-grazing program and of a survey for the Open Space Management Plan.
- e. Work Plan Follow up [post board review] (7:14):** Discussion was held on the Work Plan logistics, and Kara noted that we have the greenlight to proceed.
- f. National Trails Day Planning (7:20):** June 7, as noted in 3(a) above. A general discussion was held regarding the activities and planning.
- g. Trails/Open Space Requests to Boulder County (7:21):** Leslie noted that no decisions have been made yet on last year's requests, which were small and involved the Marshall Road underpass and the Industrial Mine Trail.
- h. Questions for community outreach for Open Space Management Plan – Goals and Definitions (7:22):** Discussion was held regarding what kinds of questions should be asked in the upcoming survey. Todd Gleeson asked whether we would get more useful information if we delay the survey until we have a draft of the Plan. Leslie noted her preference to do a basic survey up front before we draft the Plan, which is expected to be ready in March.
- i. Rodenticides Campaign Plan/Policy Recommendation (7:47):** Leslie noted that staff is reviewing the draft document to be sure that the Town's internal pest programs align with the proposed policies before giving the proposed Plan and Policy to the Council. Phary further noted that CPW has rules and regulations on the trapping, moving, and dropping off of animals. CPW can offer any assistance and answer questions.
- j. OSAC Roundtable (7:55):** Tracey noted a walk with Peter Ruprecht, identifying raptor nestings. etc. Leslie noted that there is a quantity of deadwood, in the open space west of 3rd Avenue and that the present damaged trees are a risk. Heavy equipment will be used to remove them and will cause a little bit of disruption. Joann noted that the wildlife subcommittee met in January and that they will conduct a walk at 11:00am on Thursday, February 20 at the Oerman-Roche trailhead. Kara noted that she attended the Marshall Fire Subcommittee meeting on Feb 24, mentioning that the site options for the fire memorial are Founders Park and Oerman-Roche, and that the Open Space requirements would have to be met for either site. Phary noted that we will have a goat meet and greet on March 1, from 11am to 2pm. People should be reminded to avoid the electric fence, keep pets away from goats and fence, stay out of the enclosure and be respectful of the

vendor and goats. People are encouraged to attend, ask questions and feed the goats with the food provided by the vendor only.

k. Reminders (8:04): None

4. Updates (8:04)

a. Rocky Mountain Greenway (Rocky Flats) *Status of overall trail connections?*

No updates.

b. Raptor Program: No updates.

c. Wildlife Monitoring Program: Tracey noted that no feedback has been received on the monitoring. Leslie noted that a coyote was in the goat enclosure, but the goat herders will avoid the area.

d. Trail Etiquette: Leslie noted that twelve types of etiquette signs are being made, designed to be placed in various types of locations.

e. CitSci Update: No updates.

f. Wildfire Update: No updates.

g. Prairie Dog Plan Update: No updates.

h. Grant Asks: Leslie noted that the Town has succeeded in getting the goat program funded through a 3-yr Strategic Fuels Mitigation grant.

i. Communications Update (for Kevin Colon): None

5. Adjourn: The Chair declared the meeting finally adjourned at 8:15 pm.