



MEETING NOTES
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MARCH 12, 2025
6:00 PM
SUPERIOR COMMUNITY CENTER
1500 COALTON ROAD

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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 Trainer (Vice Chair), Michael McDonnell, Tracey Bain, Amber Greves, Jeff Wade, Cristi Verbeck, and Todd Gleeson. The members present constituted a quorum.

Absent: Joann Maneri

Staff present: Leslie Clark (PROS Director), Phary Om (Ranger/Staff Liaison)

Town Council Liaison present: Mike Foster
 - b. **Agenda Approval (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 (6:03):** No members of the public were in attendance, either personally or virtually.
3. **OSAC Discussion Items**
 - a. **Staff Updates (Leslie Clark/Phary Om) (6:05) Leslie:** Parking lot at Coyote Ridge Open Space reduced to 12 spaces; the access permit is in process. The First Avenue pedestrian bridge project has kicked off. A bird study completed under the direction of Mile High Flood District showed no active nests in the area. Another half-dozen trees are being removed to accommodate the bridge abutment. Construction of the bridge starts on Monday, March 17 and should complete in June. Following the Team Rubicon clean up along Coal Creek, the Town is working with the Mile High Flood District and Friends of Coal Creek to initiate restoration work. Tracey expressed concern about the extent of wildlife habitat removed from both the Coal Creek and Rock Creek corridors as part of clean up activities in the last month. OSAC will assign a resource, currently Tracey, to work closely with Town staff on habitat preservation and future cleanup work. A new water main is being installed along McCaslin. The Oerman Roche trailhead will be closed for a few days in April due to construction. Coal Creek Crossing residents have expressed concern about a growing prairie dog community near their neighborhood. Town staff will meet with Boulder County Staff and follow up with residents. **Phary:** Upcoming programs include the eco ranger program, Owl Prowl, bird watching, and nature journaling.
 - b. **Open Space Management Plan Goals, Definitions, and Survey Questions (6:27):** The team discussed the draft of the survey and provided feedback.
 - c. **Open Space Classifications Feedback for Town's Comprehensive Plan (6:47):** The team discussed the definitions of the various types of open space, including open space – natural, open space – recreation, wildlife corridors, aquatic corridors, transportation corridors, and buffer corridors.

- d. **National Trails Day Planning (7:06):** National Trails Day is scheduled for June 7th at Coalton Trailhead 9am-noon. Phary has is securing vendors for the event and is organizing ways for OSAC members to interact with the public, vendors and other committees that will be present.
- e. **Trails/Open Space Requests to Boulder County (7:16):** Town staff has been notified by BOCO Open Space that funding is still up in the air for the requests submitted in 2024, so no decisions have been made. 2025 recommendations will be accepted in April.
- f. **Migratory Bird Day Planning (7:18):** Superior's Bird City Colorado status has been approved. World Migratory Bird Day will be May 17th at Purple Park 9am-noon. Phary is coordinating OSAC participation and vendors.
- g. **Town Council Meeting Issues[dinner] (7:24):** OSAC's annual dinner with Town Council is April 14th at 6pm. The team discussed topics for the agenda, including open space funding and acquisition priorities, staff requests, Town 15, prairie dogs, habitat preservation/restoration, CitSci, facilitating Council/OSAC interaction, and creation of the Open Space Management Plan.
- h. **Rodenticides Campaign Plan/Policy Recommendation (7:46):** Staff has requested that the Town's pest control vendor comply with OSAC's rodenticide plan. Communications is looking for input on talking points, which Tracey will draft.
- i. **OSAC Roundtable (7:52): Tracey:** Would like to see protection of native pollinators through reduced early cleanup of leaves on Town property. She also passed on a citizen suggestion for more educational programs on wildlife. **Todd/MikeM:** After reviewing the Coyote Ridge Master Plan, Todd and Mike are prioritizing initiatives regarding safety, erosion, and wildlife habitat. They are working to build a plan to stage all enhancements. The Town will consider counters to gauge usage on the property. **MikeM:** The Marshall Fire remembrance presentation to Town Council was well received. The committee will take the next steps to obtain bids. **Mike Foster** – Town Council approved a statement opposing the Rocky Mountain Greenway. **Leslie** – Mile High Flood District is working this year to clear two local ponds to enhance drainage. The pond just off Coalton Road near the fire house is the first project; work starts the last week of March. The FEMA grant for 100 days of summer goat grazing was recently released and submissions are pending. Boulder County is funding cool weather grazing through the end of March.
- j. **Reminders (8:11)**
 - 3.j.1. None
4. **Standing Updates (8:12)**
 - a. **Rocky Mountain Greenway (Rocky Flats)** - none
 - b. **Raptor Program** – Activity is ongoing, and multiple nests are being actively observed.
 - c. **Wildlife Monitoring Program** – Peter and Tracey met with Boulder County Animal Protection to inform and involve them in the Raptor and Wildlife Monitoring programs.
 - d. **Trail Etiquette** – Will be removed as a standing update. Campaign is continuing.
 - e. **CITSCI Update** – Will be removed as a standing update. Updates are included in the Raptor and Wildlife updates.
 - f. **Wildfire Update** - none
 - g. **Prairie Dog Plan Update** - none
 - h. **Coyote Ridge** – Staffing limitations restrict our ability to accept additional Youth Corp-type programs that could contribute to the work plan at Coyote Ridge and other Open Space properties.
 - i. **Grant Asks** -- Brooke will attend the meeting in April to hear OSAC grant asks.
 - j. **Migratory Bird Day Activity** – see above
 - k. **Communications Update** (for Kevin Colon) – see above
5. **Adjourn:** The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.