



**MEETING NOTES  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MAY 14, 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:** Todd Gleeson, Joann Maneri, Amber Greves, Michael McDonnell, Kara Neuse (Chair), Rita Trainor (Vice Chair), Christi Verbeck and Jeff Wade. The members present constituted a quorum.

**Absent:** Tracey Bain

**Staff Present:** Phary Om (Ranger, Staff Liaison), Leslie Clark, (PROS Director)

**Town Council Liaison Present:** Mike Foster

**Public Attending/Online:** none
  - b. **Agenda Approval (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):** There were no public comments in person or virtually.
3. **OSAC Discussion Items**
  - a. **Staff & Town Council Liaison Updates [Leslie/Phary/Mike] (6:15):**

**Phary Om:** Purple Park Fishing Clinic was a success. Attendance included 40 kids plus parents. Pollinator events cancelled due to plant unavailability; will reschedule for June/July. Weed Warriors event at Miner's Park May 21, 9-11am. Migratory Bird Day Saturday May 17. Attending OSAC members to receive final assignments.

**Leslie Clark:** Coyote Ridge parking lot construction documents being finalized for bids. Goat grazing this summer will start in July and include five Town areas. Town missed deadline for BOCO Youth Corps application so will sponsor its own Youth Steward Program with youth leader and 6-8 "stewards" to be hired.

**Mike Foster:** Appreciated OSAC turnout at Town of Superior (TOS) Council dinner last month, and acknowledged Town 15 citizen input to Council that followed. Judge

decided against TOS position on JeffCo Airport lawsuit. Town will appeal with appeal decision likely 12-18 months away. Marshall Fire lawsuit tentatively scheduled to go to trial in September.

**b. Butterfly Pavilion-Harney Lastoka Open Space Study Report (6:25):**

**Madeline Barr**, Community Habitats Coordinator at Butterfly Pavilion presented Powerpoint summary and handout on results from 2024 transect study of Harney Lastoka Open Space (HLOS) vegetation conducted for the ToS by Restoration Master Volunteers trained in plant identification by Butterfly Pavilion. Data from June-August, 2024 from six transects equally distributed North and South of Rock Creek in HLOS indicated that at that time vegetation covered approximately 78% of surface area, native plant species covered 19% and 38% of surface area (South and South transects respectively), and 57% and 39% introduced species (South vs North). Dominant species were identified. There was no pre-grazing data collected so no conclusions could be drawn regarding goat grazing impacts on vegetation. Butterfly Pavilion and ToS will collaborate on future vegetation studies and will consider study designs that will allow insight into goat grazing effects on open space vegetation.

**c. Designing Resilient Urban Landscapes (6:35):**

OSAC reviewed the Urban design toolkit produced for Boulder County that promotes urban climate resilience and maximization of green infrastructure. The toolkit summary and link to the toolkit can be found at

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/COBOULDER/bulletins/3dc6675>. Toolkit was referred to Wildlife Encouragement and Wildfire Teams for possible use.

**d. Boulder County Landscape Architects to help with Coyote Ridge Trail Design (6:45):**

Councilman Foster reported that BOCO currently has no capacity to provide Coyote Ridge trail design expertise. He did share a short list of consultants that have been used by BOCO Open Space.

**e. Property Evaluations (6:55):**

Rita Trainor sent OSAC members an Excel workbook for evaluating properties. Ranking criteria were discussed at length, including how to access property values and its importance in ranking. OSAC's role to assess property attributes from an open space perspective rather than balancing those considerations against potential tax revenue or other development opportunities was also discussed and reaffirmed.

Updated tax assessor data on property values will be provided and OSAC members are to complete rankings by May 31.

**f. Town Council Meeting Issues (7:05):**

No additional issues were raised.

**g. Open Space Feedback on our Mission Statement for Town's Comprehensive Plan (7:15):**

OSAC reviewed the Mission Statement for PROS for inclusion in the TOS Comprehensive Plan. Suggestions to simplify the mission statement were made but were found to conflict with some of the essential roles played by the Town's Parks and Recreation programs. Associated goals were modified to include reference to the Open Space Management Plan. A possibly revised Mission Statement will be revisited by OSAC next month.

**h. Naming Trails (7:25):**

Leslie Clark supplied two samples of trail naming policies. OSAC will consider in June adopting a trail naming policy drafted by Rita Trainor based on the City of Greeley policy that outlined naming process and favored naming based on native species of plants or animals or individuals central to area history.

i. **Coyote Ridge Consultant for Implementation Plan (7:35):**

There was agreement by OSAC to prepare in collaboration with PROS Director Clark a Request for Proposals/Bids for a trail consultant to evaluate Coyote Ridge trails for safety, erosion, and habitat impact and to suggest a timeline for future work. Consultant work to be funded from current year funds. A discussion to fund actual trail work next budget year on Coyote Ridge trails by a Youth Corp team or hired contractors will be incorporated into OSAC's June budget conversation.

j. **OSAC Roundtable (7:45):**

Joann Maneri reported that WET would be touring the Grasso Park renovations.

k. **Reminders (7:55):**

**3.k.1.1. National Trails Day Event Saturday June 7, 9am-12pm at Coalton Trailhead**

**3.k.1.2. Migratory Bird Day Saturday May 17, 9am-12pm at Purple Park**

4. **Standing Updates (8:05):**

- a. **Raptor Program:** Peter Ruprecht sent OSAC a May activity update that announced the first sighting of a long-eared owl in Superior.
- b. **Wildlife Monitoring Program:** No updates.
- c. **Wildfire Update:** No updates.
- d. **Prairie Dog Plan Update:** Amber Greves restated concerns about increased prairie dog activity on the western shoulder of McCaslin along BOCO Open Space and their likely migration across McCaslin into Town 15 with associated roadside mortality.
- e. **Habitat Preservation Update:** Leslie Clark: TOS has consulted with MHFD who will develop a re-vegetation plan associated with any hazard tree removal in the future.
- f. **Grant Asks:** No updates.
- g. **Migratory Bird Day Activity:** Nothing additional to report.
- h. **Communications Update (for Kevin Colon):** Leslie Clark indicated that a second reminder of the public survey on open space management preferences will be communicated.

5. **Adjourn:** The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.