



OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 11, 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 at 6:00pm
2. Preliminary Matters
 - a. Roll Call (6:00)

Present: Kara, Cristi, Tracey, Amber, Joann, Rita & Mike
Absent: Todd, Jeff & Mike (Town Council Liaison)
Staff: Phary & Leslie
 - b. Agenda Approval (6:05)
 - c. Public Comment (limit 5 minutes/person) (6:07) No public comment.
3. OSAC Discussion Items
 - a. Staff & Town Council Liaison Updates [Leslie/Phary/Mike] (6:15)
 - 3.a.1. **Phary** – shared several efforts underway such as Youth Stewards starting on June 16th, Weed Warrior updates, wildflower walk, hunter ed, astronomy (star party) and other open space programs. Check Superior’s Civic Rec website for details and information sent through Town’s communication channels. **Leslie** – mile high flood district working on revegetation along Rock Creek – may be able to be leveraged for Coal Creek. Staff working on consultant RFP for trail improvements. Coyote Ridge parking lot update – slight delay due to requirement to comply with additional CDOT requirements (drainage, etc.). Required before permit approval.
 - b. National Trails Day Review (6:30): Huge success this year! OSAC felt it went better this year due to trail closure the day before and different activities offered to public. 330+ attendees. Vendor feedback was positive. Very positive engagement at booths from public and volunteers.
 - c. Town Council Meeting Issues (6:35): Town 15 – OSAC will stay focused on our mission regarding Town 15. In parallel, Planning Commission continues work on their Comprehensive Plan. OSAC opinion that we need to better educate the public on Open Space designations.

- d. Budget (6:40)
 - 3.d.1. Requesting another full-time ranger
 - 3.d.2. Possible funding for Coyote Ridge improvements
 - 3.d.3. Need to look at conservation trust fund (part of Open Space fund) as it is close to a deficit due to land acquisition (there is a Letter of Intent).
 - 3.d.4. Leslie noted we may need more in budget for maintenance and management of open space – including wildfire mitigation, weeds, etc. OSAC may need to provide guidance on this. Rita noted that may mean that we would change use of funds from acquisition vs. maintenance. To be discussed. The question was asked if we should be considering open space land management in addition to or share with the additional ranger request to be more land management focused? Leslie encouraged folks to provide feedback directly to Town Council regarding budget requests.
- e. Open Space Management Plan (6:50): Leslie noted the plan has been slightly delayed due to need for OSAC's input – homework and short discussion would help with input on management approach. Leslie suggested that we may want to get budget to hire a wildfire expert on how to maintain open space. All agreed we need a strategy and Leslie agreed to work on organizing a pre-meeting. It was suggested that we work on wildfire mitigation into the Open Space Management Plan.
- f. Rating Trails (7:00): Todd reached out to Boulder County, Louisville, Lafayette and more to obtain ideas on rating systems. We rate trails every five years, so we may have time to leverage a different approach. Open question on if we should rate trails we don't own. Will be a topic for next month's meeting.
- g. Rodenticides Campaign Plan/Policy Recommendation (7:10): Town of Superior is requesting current vendor to transition to bird control method vs. kill – requested in next year's budget. Tracey – per Peter, noted that some of the materials provided by OSAC is starting to be used in Broomfield, other cities.
- h. Property Evaluation Approval (7:20): Amber raised the questions if there was a way to see the raptor & wildlife report as it relates to the different properties including references and relationships. There was a motion by Tracey to include this in the future. The motion was seconded by Mike and all approved.
- i. OSAC Roundtable (7:30): **Cristi** – expressed a desire to ramp up the wildfire mitigation plan again. Perhaps, and given the Town's comments earlier in the meeting, we should solicit experts to review Open Space corridors especially where close to residential properties. Leslie did note that the Town does have an interactive map referencing mitigation efforts on their website. **Rita** – nothing to add. **Phary** – July 4th booth – solicited OSAC members and more details to come. **Leslie** – noted that Goat Bros will start late June for summer grazing. **Joann** – asked about the pond work by Calamante – Leslie stated it was still in progress with a couple of delays which have now been rectified. **Tracey** – offered to talk to ??? on management plan regarding wildlife information. She also asked about Coal Creek restoration plan and Leslie noted Town of Superior is committed to the restoration, but no specific plan at this time. Clean up will continue. Tracey noted that there is a jumping mouse population along Coal Creek and asked for the appetite for moving/trapping as they are currently threatened. Leslie said that there was a study as part of the wildfire mitigation grant and Smith Environmental and they may have information on trapping. Tracey noted there have been multiple wildlife spotting on the Town's wildlife camera. The Wildlife &

Habitat Encouragement Team is trying to decide the next camera location. Town 15 is being considered to demonstrate the breadth of wildlife and further input to Town discussions regarding rezoning. **Mike** – asked about republishing the existing Trail Etiquette Campaign materials. Leslie noted an E-bike message is coming out soon. Bike to Work Day will be on HWY 36 bike path. **Joann** – Wildlife Encouragement Team came up with the recommendation to rename the volunteer group to Wildlife & Habitat Encouragement Team. They also recommend we define a mission statement and get community input. Also, wanting to recruit more volunteers to grow the group. **Kara** – informed OSAC that there is a Planning Commission meeting coming up and Town Council working session both to include discussions on Town 15.

j. Reminders (7:40)

3.j.1.4th of July Event – Phary will communicate with team on assignments. Thank you volunteers!

4. Standing Updates (7:50)

- a. Raptor Program: Hawks spotted on cell tower – two babies sighted so far.
- b. Wildlife Monitoring Program: conducted a walk with Heather Cracroft (new Town Council member) and Peter. Also corresponding with principal at Superior Elementary to get school involvement. 86 observations to date with help of wildlife camera – more than last year. Bald Eagles have been sighted in unusual places in Superior – two were active during National Trails Day at the Coalton Trailhead.
- c. Wildfire Update: nothing other than noted previously.
- d. Prairie Dog Plan Update: no update.
- e. Habitat Preservation Update: no update.
- f. Grant Asks: hazard mitigation through FEMA. Hiring a Project Manager to oversee work including mowing, weeding, etc. Have been given a one year grant. Also provided small funding to do Xeriscape in Founder's Park to enable pollinator garden.
- g. Communications Update (for Kevin Colon): no update.

5. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.