



Meeting Notes
Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)
March 11, 2026
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 \(instructions\)](#) or [view the meeting on YouTube \(closed captioning available\)](#). The recording of the meeting will be made available on [YouTube](#) and at [SuperiorColorado.gov](#) after the meeting.

1. Called Meeting to Order by Vice Chair Rita Trainor (6:03)
2. Preliminary Matters
 - a. Roll Call
 - Present: Todd Gleeson (Zoom), Rita Trainor, Gordon Sims, Amber Greves, Kara Neuse, Joann Maneri, Cristi Verbeck (Zoom). The members present constituted a quorum.
 - Absent: Mike McDonnell
 - Staff Present: Open Space Ranger II Phary Om, PROS Director Leslie Clark (Zoom) and Council person Mike Foster
 - b. Approval of Agenda: approved.
 - c. Public Comment (limit 5 minutes/person)
 - No public comment in-person nor online.
3. OSAC Discussion Items
 - a. Staff & Town Council Liaison Updates
 - Leslie Clark reported that the Colson Property purchase has been completed and will be submitted to Planning Commission for zoning. Advisory Committee Guidebook is being updated by staff. Mile High Flood District starting work on 88th street pond. Suggestions are sought on areas to focus Coal Creek revegetation plan prior to May walkabout.
 - Phary Om reported that 3 trail counters have been ordered, BOCO Youth Corps planning is proceeding, a second youth team is a possibility through Mile High Youth Corps. Town has received 77 applications for its part-time Ranger position.
 - Councilman Mike Foster reported that Council work session reviewed and set aside a proposal for chainsaw art along the Rock Creek corridor. Council met with Rock Creek HOA over fence maintenance responsibilities. Council is considering a short-term rental policy to facilitate Sundance Festival visitors. Foster called attention to public meetings for RTD's proposed Northwest Passenger Service.
 - b. Wildfire Urban Interface (WUI) Overview
 - Allison James, TOS Disaster Preparedness & Recovery Manager reviewed likely open space and neighborhood impacts on WUI legislation, to be discussed for adoption by Council in April. Mowing and limbing along open space edges the most likely impact to Open Space properties.
 - c. Migratory Bird Day Planning [May 9]
 - Sign-ups from OSAC members solicited. Vendors being recruited.

- d. National Trails Day Planning [June 6]
 - \$500 approved for purchase of raffle prizes.
 - e. Budget Review
 - Rita Trainor asked for any questions on budget based on materials distributed earlier. Amber pointed out that if Zaharias development results in prairie dog relocation to Harney-Lastoka property that future budget dollars or ranger assignment may be needed to manage and contain transferred population.
 - f. New Member Onboarding Packet: Bios, Acronyms
 - Todd Gleeson updated progress on Onboarding Packet and solicited last few biographies from members.
 - g. Council Dinner Topics List Review
 - Summary topics included request for funding for trail development and additional trail counters, update on potential State rodenticide legislation, planned partnership with Historic Commission to develop Industrial Mine trail and interpretive signage in 2028 budget cycle.
 - h. Conversation Regarding Art in Open Space
 - Kara Neuse led a discussion of members inclinations relative to art in open space-natural properties in Town. She agreed to consult with CAPS, PARC and other municipalities and bring forward a draft position statement for OSAC's consideration.
4. Standing Updates
- a. Raptor Program
 - Kara Neuse reported 96 observations last month, and a successful raptor walk the previous weekend.
 - b. Coyote Ridge
 - Leslie Clark reported that our grant application for trail planning was unsuccessful, but that we can utilize the \$20,000 matching dollars to hire a consultant and advance the development of Coyote Ridge. OSAC endorsed that use of funds. She also reported that we have \$40,000 left from ADA trail construction which will be used for trailhead signage.
 - c. Wildlife Monitoring Program
 - Joann Maneri reported that the group was actively meeting, and noted that the Town had also recently posted information on coyotes and bobcats to the community.
 - d. Wildfire Update
 - No update
 - e. Prairie Dog Update
 - Amber Greves reported that she and Kara Neuse attended a Garrett Companies open house meeting for Zaharias property neighbors. Presentation was positive relative to OSAC concerns. Increased traffic was a prominent issue raised by neighbors.
 - f. East County Open Space Liaison
 - No update
5. **OSAC Roundtable/New Business**
6. Reminders (April)
- a. Rita Trainor proposed an outing to new trailhead in Coyote Ridge prior to April meeting. Idea was met with moderate interest.
 - b. Tree Planting (April 25th)
7. Adjourned at 7:57pm