



Notes
Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)
May 13, 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. Meeting was called to order (6:00)
2. Preliminary Matters
 - a. Roll Call (6:01)
 - OSAC members present: Todd Gleeson, Amber Greves, Kara Neuse, Michael McDonnell, Cristi Verbeck, Rita Trainor, Joanne Maneri, Gordon Sims
 - No absences
 - Staff / Town Council present: Heather Craycraft (for Mike Foster), Leslie Clark, Connor Curtis (newly hired open space ranger).
 - Absent: Phary Om
 - b. Agenda Approval (6:05) approved.
 - c. Public Comment (limit 5 minutes/person) (6:07) – none in attendance.
3. OSAC Discussion Items
 - a. Staff & Town Council Liaison Updates [Leslie/Phary/Mike] (6:10)
 - 3.a.1. Heather – none today
 - 3.a.2. Leslie – staff updates.
 - OSAC dinner with the Town Council was a success and feedback from council members was positive. Will determine next steps based on future budget approval.
 - Trail consultant evaluations – down to 2 bidders. Thanks for feedback on selection criteria and please send criteria to Leslie if you haven't yet responded. Feedback to date: Two remaining bidders have different but valuable skills. Each should be able to meet our schedule.
 - Town of Superior has hired a prairie dog consultant to assist with analysis and recommendations for many areas with immediate focus on the area along McCaslin by the Coalton Trail trailhead. Will possibly build a permanent fence along McCaslin on East side of Superior-owned edge (West side of McCaslin) to prevent prairie dogs from crossing / expanding across McCaslin road.
 - Coyote Ridge trail head signs have been ordered for new parking lot on HWY 128, south pool area and third area not yet determined.
 - The new Community Park playground open! Large turn out to date.
 - b. Migratory Bird Day Recap (6:30):
 - Attendance was down from last year. All agreed we need to improve the marketing campaign and perhaps combine with other events. We also need to ensure we're meeting criteria to maintain our Migratory Bird status. Please send ideas to Phary.
 - Town Council Dinner Recap (6:35):
 - See above. There was a discussion around when future dinners should take place to allow time for town budgeting. Leslie will pencil the next OSAC dinner in for May, 2027. Amber suggested we push harder on Rodenticides, how we

guide/direct/register companies used in town and determine how we push new legislation or leverage existing ordinances. Leslie to work with Amber and team to explore options (talk to town attorney and manager).

- c. National Trail Day Planning [June 6] (6:40):
 - Please sign up. From show of hands, at least 5 of OSAC members will be in attendance. Phary will do a wildflower walk. Mike offered to do a bike tour if needed.
- d. Property Evaluations (6:45):
 - Todd reviewed the process and reminded OSAC members that the evaluations are due to Rita on May 26th.
 - Feedback on criteria – ‘Attainability,’ and ‘affordability’ are criteria that are difficult for OSAC to weigh in on.
 - Question came up as to the development adjacent from the 76th property. The current proposal includes 300+ units next to the 76th property.
- e. Coyote Ridge Trail Consultant (6:55):
 - Update above.
- f. Coyote Ridge Trail Name Recommendations for Council (7:00):
 - Subcommittee met to discuss proposal for trail names. Names were sent to OSAC. Amber made a motion to amend the proposed list and replace trail 3 with ‘Prairie Dog Trail.’ All others approved and will forward the list of names to Council for their approval.
 - Trail Assistance Requests to BOCO (7:10)
 - Reviewed 4 improvements. OSAC voted and agreed the Marshall Road underpass improvement was the top priority will be presented to BOCO. Louisville also has this improvement as a top priority.
- g. Open Space Wildfire Mitigation Review (7:20):
 - Leslie explained the two current grants. One of the grants funds a consultant that recommends course of action going forward. Leslie said the contracts were approved for another year of goat grazing with Goat Brothers and Olsen who did the mowing. Leslie will solicit feedback from OSAC. She will also invite the consultant to visit OSAC. OSAC can recommend areas for goats and/or mowing. Cristi and Todd voiced their concerns for ‘over’ mowing. Todd recommended we find a consultant that can educate OSAC on the balance between the environment and wildfire mitigation. Amber suggested we leverage Louisville’s plan who engaged a consultant and had a balanced approach. Gordon (liaison to Louisville/Lafayette OS management) will also see what they are doing to balance the wildfire mitigation and habitat preservation. Cristi and Todd also volunteered to do additional research in this area.
- h. E-bikes/Regular Bikes Speed Limits (7:40):
 - 3.h.1. There is already a 15MPH speed limit for E-bikes. Team members agreed we should post signage on the limits. Trail Etiquette committee to come back with signage ideas (Mike, Cristi and Gordon).

4. Standing Updates (7:50)

- a. OSAC New Member Onboarding Packet – Todd distributed paper copies and asked for feedback.
- b. Raptor Program - Kara’s update: 102 observations (including 2 where raptors have disappeared) in the past month. There are over 60 volunteers. Kara requested communication assistance from Town of Superior to bring awareness about giving wildlife space (don’t approach too closely, etc.). Participated in Bird Day and will participate in Trails Day and do a walk on May 30th. Todd suggested that the Raptor / Wildlife teams set a baseline each year to get a count/inventory of birds/species....we may need to ask Peter R if we can take the same approach. Kara to ask Peter.
- c. Coyote Ridge – nothing more to add except that the trail counters were implemented and a bike jump was eliminated.
- d. Wildlife Monitoring Program – cameras are catching a number of species including Elk.
- e. Town Wildlife Management Plan – WHET and some OSAC members creating a plan. An outline has been created and team is meeting monthly. Joanne will invite someone from Parks. We believe we can create plan with minimal cost as long as we can leverage Superior communications team.
- f. Wildfire Update – no further update beyond ‘I’ above.
- g. Prairie Dog Update - no other items.

h. East County Open Space Liaison - Gordon reported that Louisville has similar topics. They are creating their budget so the timing is good to share ideas including the fire mitigation topic.

5. OSAC Roundtable/New Business – no other topics.

6. Reminders

a. National Trails Day (June 6th)

7. Adjourn