



Agenda Notes
Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)
July 8, 2026
6:00 PM
Superior Community Center
1500 Coalton Road

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1. Call Meeting to Order (6:00)
2. Preliminary Matters
 - a. Roll Call
 - Present: Todd Gleeson, Amber Greves, Kara Neuse, Michael McDonnell, Gordon Sims, Cristi Verbeck, Rita Trainer, Joann Maneri
 - Staff Present: Phary Om, Conor Curtis, Leslie Clark (Zoom), Mike Foster
 - b. Approval of Agenda
 - c. Public Comment: no public on Zoom or in-person.
3. OSAC Discussion Items (6:10)
 - a. Staff & Town Council Liaison Updates [Leslie/Phary/Mike]
 - Mike: last council meeting turned down proposal to build 336 apartments off of 76th street due to density and evacuation issues. An update on Rock Creek Parkway was provided.
 - Phary: fall and winter programs in development. August meeting will be at Town Hall due to Community Center renovation. No trail counter data available yet.
 - Conor – Youth Corp program is progressing. Working on trail resurfacing between Autrey and Community Park. Lots of weed pulling in various locations.
 - Leslie: 1. Goats are in open space now. 2. Coyote Ridge Trailhead signs going in this week at parking lot and near South Pool. May put one at Pirate Park after playground is updated. 3. Complaints of swallows in Sagamore neighborhood – trying to give info to neighbors. 4. Coyote Ridge trail consultant received feedback at 4th of July event and survey will stay open and be advertised by Town bulletin. Consultants would like to meet with trail subcommittee. 5. Met with Misty who will map prairie dog

burrows along McCaslin, Sagamore and Coal Creek Crossing neighborhoods to figure out which are on town property, then how to remove them.

- b. Prairie Dog Playbook – expanding scope. Amber.
 - Need something more comprehensive than current playbook (designed for developer audience) to include management of prairie dogs as they start to encroach on Town-owned properties. Old management plan (2005) not that useful.
 - Templates for management plan exist but would need input from outside resources. Need to inventory colonies annually. Collaborate with other entities (towns, BOCO) on how they are managing prairie dogs with humane treatment.
 - Amber will create an initial plan outline to review at the August OSAC meeting.
- c. Multi-use trail etiquette and speed limit signage recommendations
 - New trailhead signs are already in motion for Coyote Ridge. Some of content in presented proposal may be appropriate for new signs.
 - Get PARC feedback on speed limit signs on paved trails.
 - Leslie will talk to Town Manager to see if this needs to go before Council.
- d. Wildfire Mitigation vs Habitat Protection: Finding Balance Update:
 - Cristi – Goal is making sure we don't negatively impact wildlife too much while still reducing fire fuels. Spoke to group from CSU sustainable landscape team and also reviewed Louisville plan.
 - Subcommittee will provide talking points for discussion with appropriate Town staff at upcoming meeting.
- e. Art in Open Space Guidelines: Kara
 - Haven't found any published open space art policies from other communities.
 - Already have documentation in town ordinances on limits of other structures (benches, bike racks, rest room, art) in natural open space.
 - Need to detail the intent behind the verbiage because definition of art is ambiguous and subject to opinion.
 - Conclusion – reach out to Cultural Arts and Public Spaces (CAPS) and PARC on how to handle request for all structures including art. Expectation is that OSAC will have opportunity to weigh in on installations affecting open space. Evaluation process needs clarification. Good topic for joint meeting with Louisville in September.
- f. Future of Annual OS Property Acquisition Rankings:
 - Should we just let last June's rankings carry to next year instead of going through another ranking process?

- Conclusion: leave a conversation on rankings on the annual calendar but go through re-ranking only if there has been a significant change.

g. Migratory Bird Day Planning for 2027

- Should it be a different week in May, or different month? Would different activities better engage community? Bird City designation requires an event annually.
- Kara volunteered to help Phary.

4. Standing Updates

a. Raptor Program

- 118 observations in the last month

b. Wildlife Monitoring Program

- 110 observations, most from cameras

c. Town Wildlife Management Plan

- Document creation proceeds with monthly meetings

d. East County Open Space Liaison

- Plan for joint meeting in Louisville. Gordon to outline possible topics.

5. OSAC Roundtable / New Business

- Can we get paw prints from other animals in addition to the dog / coyote prints? Should consider refreshing booth materials.
- Feedback for July 4. Sign-up sheets earlier so not scrambling for volunteers.
- Marshall Fire design consultant doing presentation at Louisville city council on July 14.
- Monday's council meeting will interview OSAC member candidate.

6. Adjourned at 8:05 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at Town Hall.