



Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)
August 12, 2026, 6:00 PM
Superior Town Hall 124 E. Coal Creek Drive

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. Call Meeting to Order (6:10)
2. Preliminary Matters
 - a. Roll Call Present: Kara Neuse, Gordon Sims, Cristi Verbeck, Amber Greeves, Todd Gleeson, Rita Trainor, Dan Weber, Mike McDonnell Absent: Joann Maneri
Staff: Stephanie Miller, Leslie Clark, Phary Om
 - b. Agenda Approval - motion to approve by Rita, 2nd by Mike - unanimous OSAC
 - c. Public Comment (limit 5 minutes/person) - none
3. OSAC Discussion Items
 - a. Staff & Town Council Liaison Updates (6:11)
Leslie Clark:
 - 3.a.1. Open Space Master plan will be reviewed in Oct for Approval
The budget process has started including funding for a Full time Open Space Ranger, a survey of industrial mines trail, and approx. \$90K in project implementation costs
 - 3.a.2. Working w/ Mile High flood district plans to survey ponds depth, conditions etc. (scheduled for Fall), developing a plan for disposal of materials, will evaluate Colson parcel for recommendations
Phary:
 - 3.a.3. BOCO Youth Corps completed several projects over the summer. Conor Curtis managed the team. Projects included: Weeding across 6 parks, removing 200 30 gal bags of weeds, 4,200 ft of barbed wire fence removed off Coyote Ridge, repaired 2,400 feet of trail in Autry Park, Stained fencing near Autry Park, removed 200 lbs. of trash near Coal Creek
 - 3.a.4. Conor Curtis's term has been extended to end of December 2026
 - 3.a.5. BOCO fire mitigation - 1st week of Oct 5-8 planned weed removal
Stephanie Miller:
 - 3.a.6. Council is starting the preliminary budget review process
 - b. Coyote Ridge consultant presentation (6:40) - Pointe Strategies reviewed draft recommendations for Coyote Ridge trail projects. The recommendations will need to be reviewed and approved by TOS staff. Once approved by staff, Pointe Strategies will develop cost estimates and schedules. The next update is planned for the October OSAC meeting
 - c. Trail Ranking Postponement to 2027 check-in (7:05)
Todd: Ranking is usually done this time of year. OSAC is putting the process on hold for now. Efforts for the ranking focused on projects with potential funding from BOCO. Town funded trail ranking was submitted last year. Top priority for planned projects will be for Coyote Ridge based upon Pointe Solutions recommendations

d. Prairie Dog (PD) Management Plan outline review (7:10)

Amber: A draft update was with OSAC. The original playbook was specific to the Zaharias property and needs to be expanded into other areas within Superior. Amber is updating the plan and playbook to proactively address movements of PDs around town, gathering data on populations, conservation and disbursal recommendations, collaboration with BOCO and other agencies, private and public considerations, relocation strategies, conflict management, involvement of potential vendors to assist with management activities.

e. Current Prairie Dog management activities (7:20)

Leslie: Received mapping results from Misty of over 500 PD burrows including Coalton Trail head, Coal Creek Crossing, along McCaslin Blvd, and around Sagamore. Information will inform plans by town staff for management, potential use of barriers, communication with Town, etc. [PD information is included on the Town website under "Superior Wildlife"](#)

f. Wrap up of Multi-use trail etiquette and speed limit signage recommendations (7:30)

Todd: met with PARC to share signage recommendations including locations and verbiage for high-traffic areas. The proposal was documented in a letter from Leslie. PARC agreed with the recommended signage and locations. Motion to approve as documented by Mike, 2nd by Gordon, Approved unanimously by all OSAC

g. Wildfire Mitigation (7:40)

Leslie: Goat grazing and mowing practices will continue, low grass growth this year due to drought conditions and minimal precipitation

h. Fund Balance Update (7:49)

Rita: There are 3 funds, Conservation fund, Debt service Fund, and Open Space Fund. The OS Fund is used for spending on recommended town funded projects and staffing a second OS Ranger. Fund has been used appropriately for purchases of properties prioritized by OSAC and approved by Town Council

4. Standing Updates (7:50)

a. Raptor Program - Kara: From July 1- Aug 1st, we logged 44 observations in CitSci. The results are as follows: 16 Red Tailed Hawks, 9 American Kestrels, 1 Swainson's Hawk, 6 Great Horned Owls, 11 Cooper's Hawks, and 1 Osprey

- The activity/behavior observed is really interesting... especially with fledgling activity... begging calls, etc.
- Hot summer weather likely explains fewer than normal observations.
- The Raptor Program will have a booth at Lafayette's World Migratory Bird Day on Sep 13th. Hoping to leverage ideas to improve our own event.

b. Coyote Ridge - Todd: 3 installed Trail counters show 4,200 visits between April-August. This number is likely low considering several entry/exits do not currently have counters.

c. Wildlife Monitoring Program

d. Town Wildlife Management Plan

e. East County Open Space Liaison – Gordon Sims reported on a recent meeting with open space representatives from Louisville, Lafayette, and Erie to compare notes on issues that the 4 groups are addressing. Gordon and Louisville's Mark Poletti recommended the following topics for our joint meeting in September: E-bike speed management, Fire Mitigation-habitat conversation balance, Ash Tree Preservation, Social Trail management, and open space acquisitions.

5. OSAC Roundtable/New Business

6. Reminders

7. Adjourn at 8:15pm