



Meeting Minutes

Open Space and Trails Advisory Board

Monday, March 11, 2024

6:30 PM

Virtual

Link to Watch or Comment Virtually: <https://bit.ly/OSTAB2024>

1. Call Meeting to Order: 6:05 pm

2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum: Members Ken Martin, Christine Felz, Tim Payne, Joe Swanson. Members Phil Brink & Dave Tazik were excused. Also Dan Hoback – Town Council liaison, Patrick Hammer & Luke Bolinger Park & Recreation Dept, Chris LaRue, Planning Dept

3. Approval of the Agenda

A. *Assignment of Current Minutes:* Ken Martin

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Postponed until the next meeting.

5. Public Comment; None

5. General Business

A. *Trustee Liaison Report:* None

B. *EBC (East Boulder Creek) plan:* status, possible next steps: Letters of support from the Town Council, Parks & Recreation Dept and OSTAB will be sent. Parks & Recreation Director Patrick Hammer, OSTAB Chair will speak at the Boulder County hearing on March 28. The Mayor or a Town Council member may also speak.

Also discussed was the possibility of a parking facility on the west end of the Wise Farm Open Space. Such a facility would serve new trails on that property, BERT (Boulder Erie Regional Trail), and the EBC. A management plan for the Wise Farm OS would also be created. Details and funding will be discussed with Boulder County. OSTAB and Park & Rec are in favor of pursuing this.

C. *BERT – update:* The County anticipates that a high level plan will be discussed at the June OSTAB meeting and at Boulder County Commissioners meeting in July.

D. *Recruitment packet:* OSTAB recommends that members Phil Brink & Dave Tazik be reappointed, and that applicant Bill Rigler be appointed to the open position.

E. *Semi-annual report – action items:* Town Council member Andrew Sawusch had expressed concern about gap in the Spine Trail between the recently approved Canyon Creek Filings 7,8 and 11 and Lafferty north of the Red Hawk School and the existing trails south of the school. Town staff indicated that the final approval of those Filings includes a Spine Trail link between the grassy play area west of the school and the large solar array. The chair will convey that information to Councilmember Sawusch;

F. *Development Referrals*

1. *Non-Quasi-judicial - none*
2. *Non-Quasi-judicial - none*

G. Member Comments, Questions and Discussion

H. Action Items, Scheduling, Key Dates

1. *Next Regular Meeting – April 8, 2024;*

I. Future Discussion Topics

1. *Visit properties with existing conservation easements co-held with Boulder County (fall);*
2. *Natural Areas Inventory update;*
 - a. *Trails;*
 - b. *Spine Trails - Missing links;*

3. *New open space fund eligible for tax deductible contributions of cash or land;*
4. *Property tax benefits for conservations easements;*

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

The executive session was opened at 7:30 PM with the same attendees as the regular meeting.

- J. *Executive Session: For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e); to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of real property under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a); and, specifically to discuss acquisition of open space property.*

The executive session was adjourned at 8:30 PM