

OSTAB Status Report

Town of Erie Open Space and Trails Advisory Board
(OSTAB)

Presented by: Bob Braudes, Chair

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What is our mission and responsibilities?

- ▶ Evaluate open space and trails in the development approval process and submit formal responses;
- ▶ Advise the Board of Trustees on matters related to planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, and management of open space and trails;
- ▶ Coordinate with Boulder and Weld Counties and neighboring jurisdictions in the identification and acquisition of open space and trails;
- ▶ Assess open space and trail provisions of Town plans and ordinances and recommend amendments, if necessary;
- ▶ Participate in Town events to promote trails and open space.

Who are we?

- ▶ Bob Braudes: BS in Chemistry and Psychology, MS in Information Science, DSc in Computer Science. Retired; previously a Director of AI Program Development with Avaya. Has been involved in conservation and outdoor recreation activities for multiple years.

Phil Brink: BS in Animal Science, MS in Environmental Science. Self employed consultant since 2002 assisting governments and private companies with compliance and water related challenges;

- ▶ Christine Felz: BS Degree in Environmental Studies/International Affairs and Geography. Environmental project manager for a local renewable energy consulting firm. Formerly, Land and Environment Manager for local aggregate, asphalt and concrete company for ten years.
- ▶ Joe Swanson: BS in Natural/Park Resource Management. Resource specialist with Boulder County Parks and Open Space Noxious Weed Department for the last 9 years;
- ▶ Dave Tazik: BS Biology, MS Biology/Environmental Focus, PhD Regional/Environmental Planning. Retired; previously a Research Ecologist with U.S. Corps of Engineers for close to 30 years, and a project scientist with National Ecological Observatory Network for 6 years.
- ▶ Ken Martin and Tim Payne: Both have bachelor degrees, none in directly related areas. Both have been involved in conservation and outdoor recreation activities for multiple years.

What have we done?

- ▶ 2022 to-date residential development applications: 65% of our time, 19 responses for 10 developments. Totals for 2020 were 11 and 8.
- ▶ Provided input to TNACC ballot initiative
- ▶ Support for Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) Master Planning Process;
- ▶ Future open space acquisitions and/or conservation easements:
 - ▶ Reviewed and responded to 9 Development Referrals
 - ▶ Held 1 Executive session
 - ▶ Investigating options for identifying new potential Open Space properties
- ▶ Agricultural leases on Town open space parcels;
- ▶ Solar Farms;

Acknowledgements

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