



Parks & Open Space

Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee MINUTES

April 23, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Commissioners' Hearing Room, 3rd Floor
Boulder County Courthouse, 1325 Pearl Street, Boulder, CO

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by James Krug

Members:

Scott Miller
Kira Pasquesi
Heather Williams
James Krug
Jenn Archuleta
Paula Fitzgerald
Steven Meyrich
Trace Baker
Ann Obenchain

Staff:

Eric Lane
Renata Frye
Vivienne Jannatpour
Nik Brockman
Tina Burghardt
Carrie Cimo
Mary Tiernan
Marni Ratzel
Jeff Moline
Janis Whisman
Therese Glowacki

Approval of the February 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes

ACTION REQUESTED: Minutes Approval

ACTION: moved approval of item. seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** Miller, Pasquesi, Williams, Krug, Archuleta, Fitzgerald, Meyrich, Baker; **ABSTAIN:** Ann Obenchain;

Presentations

Crawford Trust Acquisition

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to BOCC

PRESENTER: Tina Burghardt, Senior Land Officer

ACTION: Baker moved approval of item. Archuleta seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** Miller, Pasquesi, Williams, Krug, Archuleta, Fitzgerald, Meyrich, Baker, Obenchain;

Twin Corners Transfer of Management (for 95th St. Safety Improvements)

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to BOCC

PRESENTER: Tina Burghardt, Senior Land Officer

ACTION: Fitzgerald moved approval of item. Archuleta seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** Miller, Pasquesi, Williams, Krug, Archuleta, Fitzgerald, Meyrich, Baker, Obenchain;

3445 : Twin Corners and Laber (Alex) - Xcel Energy Takings

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to BOCC

PRESENTER: Tina Burghardt, Senior Land Officer

ACTION: Meyrich moved approval of item. Archuleta seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** Miller, Pasquesi, Williams, Krug, Archuleta, Fitzgerald, Meyrich, Baker, Obenchain;

Walker Trust - Transfer of Management (for US 287 & Isabelle Rd.

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to BOCC

PRESENTER: Tina Burghardt, Senior Land Officer

ACTION: Pasquesi moved approval of item. Archuleta seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** Miller, Pasquesi, Williams, Krug, Archuleta, Fitzgerald, Meyrich, Baker, Obenchain;

2019 Real Estate Closings

ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only

PRESENTER: Tina Burghardt, Senior Land Officer

Update to the Management Plan for Carolyn Holmberg Preserve

ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only

PRESENTER: Marni Ratzel, Resource Planner

Public Comments:

All public comments submitted were for the protection of the bald eagle nest and prairie dogs on the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve property.

Ruby Bowman, 1512 Lefthand Dr., Longmont

Chris Boardman, 1512 Lefthand Dr., Longmont

Mike Chiropolos, 3325 Martin Dr., Boulder

Charlotte Bujol, 1935 Tincup Ct., Boulder

Theo Kuhn, 2815 W 42nd Ave., Denver

Joann Hackos, 597 County Road 65, Evergreen

Georgia Lopez, 249 Bowen St. Longmont

Jan Kardatzke, 2070 Ridge Dr., Broomfield

Diane Kristoff, 3867 Fletcher St., Loveland

Jamie Simo, 525 E 16th Ave., Longmont

Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Plan (CAMP)

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to BOCC
PRESENTER: Carrie Cimo and Mary Tiernan

ACTION: Fitzgerald moved approval of item. Archuleta seconded the motion.
VOTE: **AYES:** Pasquesi, Williams, Krug, Archuleta, Fitzgerald, Baker, Obenchain; **NAYS:** Scott Miller;
ABSTAIN: Steven Meyrich;

Approval of Revised POSAC Bylaws

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to BOCC
PRESENTER: Eric Lane, Director
This item was tabled until June 2020.

ACTION: Krug moved approval of item. Miller seconded the motion.
VOTE: **AYES:** Miller, Pasquesi, Williams, Krug, Archuleta, Fitzgerald, Meyrich, Baker, Obenchain;

Director's Update

The Anne U. White celebration and ribbon-cutting has been postponed to September 9, 4 p.m.

McLachlan property: County purchased these 73 acres on west side of Clover Basin Reservoir on March 25 for \$2.4M. Sale of two lots and conveyance of the property to City of Longmont, subject to county-held conservation easement will come later.

Canino-7M Ranch property: County purchased 84 acres of this property adjacent to Panama Reservoir for \$1,245,000, including water rights. We exercised our first right to purchase it. Because we have very tight timelines when exercising these rights (e.g., Rainbow Nursery), there was no time to bring that acquisition before POSAC for review and recommendation to the Board.

Overall Update:

Since the public health orders began restricting people's movement, we've seen a very large increase in the number of visitors to parks and open spaces up and down the Front Range, and Boulder County has been no exception. As with our neighbors like Larimer and Jefferson Counties and City of Boulder, trails and restrooms remain open while public gathering places like shelters and picnic facilities are closed. To address the crowding that we've experienced, we've been collaborating with Public Works and the Sheriff's Office to improve crowd control and management at the places where we see crowding and parking concerns. This has been effective over the last couple of weekends to address hot spots.

Because our ranger staff have been stretched thin due to COVID-19 schedules and heavy crowds, we've deployed staff from Education & Outreach and Youth Corps to busy trailheads, especially on the weekend to engage with the public to encourage compliance with safety precautions and our rules and regulations. We've also increased servicing of restrooms and trash cans to once per day instead of three times per week. We've also worked persistently to message to the public our recommendations for staying close to home, maintaining safety precautions like social distancing and wearing masks, etc. We've been joined in this effort by Sheriff Joe Pelle and Public Health Director Jeff Zayach.

Lastly, this week is National Volunteer Appreciation week. Usually, we celebrate it in part with our annual Land Conservation Awards but have had to postpone it until later in the year. Each of you volunteer your time every month in the service of open space and to help represent the community's interests and perspectives on how to best manage it. On behalf of our staff at Parks & Open Space, I want to express our appreciation for your time and dedication.

For a little extra fun, please see the video that Karen Imbierowicz, our partnership coordinator, put together with our volunteer coordinators to thank and celebrate the work that's done every year across the county by volunteers in support of the department:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfZwfSTnZ10>

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:22 PM