

Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee AGENDA

June 25, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

	Suggested	Timetable	e
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7:45 Adjourn

6:30	Call to Order
6:30	Approval of the May 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes ACTION REQUESTED: Minutes Approval
	Presentations
6:35	CMN-Kirch-2020 Town of Erie Taking ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to BOCC PRESENTER: Wesley C. Loetz, Land Officer
6:45	Hodgson-Harris Reservoir-2020 Town of Superior Taking ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to BOCC PRESENTER: Wesley C. Loetz, Land Officer
6:55	Resource Management Summary ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only PRESENTER: Therese Glowacki, Manager
7:25	POSAC Bylaws Update and Approval ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to BOCC PRESENTER: Eric Lane, Director
7:40	Director's Update

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Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee

MINUTES

May 28, 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 p.m. by James Krug

Members:

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

Staff:

Michelle Marotti Janis Whisman Eric Lane Renata Frye Nik Brockman Vivienne Jannatpour Mel Stonebraker Conrad Lattes Tim Shafer

Approval of the April 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes

ACTION REQUESTED: Minutes Approval

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

VOTE: AYES: Miller, Anderson, Pasquesi, Williams, Krug, Archuleta, Fitzgerald, Meyrich, Baker,

Obenchain

Presentations

Executive Session to Discuss Canino-7M Ranch.

This discussion will not be open to the public. ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only

ACTION: Baker moved to go into executive session. Archuleta seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Miller, Anderson, Pasquesi, Williams, Krug, Archuleta, Fitzgerald, Meyrich, Baker, Obenchain.

Canino-7M Ranch Acquisition

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to BOCC

PRESENTER: Mel Stonebraker, Land Officer

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

VOTE: AYES: Miller, Anderson, Pasquesi, Williams, Krug, Archuleta, Fitzgerald, Meyrich, Baker,

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Century Link Acquisition

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to BOCC

PRESENTER: Janis Whisman, Real Estate Division Manager

Public Comment:

Audrey Tobin, 3555 Bison Dr., Boulder. She commented in favor of the acquisition.

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

VOTE: AYES: Miller, Anderson, Pasquesi, Williams, Krug, Archuleta, Fitzgerald, Meyrich, Baker,

Obenchain.

Use Preferences and Visitor Experiences of People with Disabilities on Parks & Open Space

ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only

PRESENTER: Michelle Marotti, Education and Outreach Specialist

Post-Flood Monitoring of Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse

ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only

PRESENTER: Tim Shafer, Wildlife Biologist

Director's Update

- The Community Forestry Sort Yard in Nederland will open on Wednesday, June 3. The Meeker Sort Yard near Allenspark will open 2 weeks later. These facilities are important resources for mountain communities to take material from wildfire mitigation efforts and reduce our waste stream.
- Last month, I shared with you that our trails have seen record numbers of visitors. Tonight, I have a
 few figures to quantify.
 - o Betasso has seen doubled visitation.
 - o Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm has seen tripled visitation.
 - o Overall, we've experienced a 36% increase in visitors over April 2019.

Overall Update:

Buildings and Historic Preservation recently completed converting their new tool trailer into a solar-powered mobile wood shop. It's a thoughtful and inventive innovation that allows them to work on field construction projects using 100% clean energy. A lot of credit goes to Mike Lohr for designing and building it. Now, all of the power tools they need are running without the constant droning hum of a large gas generator - annoying them, the wildlife, and the public.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:49 p.m.



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PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Time/Date of Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, June 25, 2020 Location: Virtual Meeting

TO: Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee

FROM/PRESENTER: Wesley C. Loetz, Land Officer

RE: CMN-Kirch-2020 Town of Erie Taking

DATE: June 4, 2020

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to the BOCC

Summary

The Town of Erie proposes to acquire fee interest in 1.82 acres (79,448 SF) of the approximately 160-acre CMN-Kirch open space property to construct and maintain an underground public water pipeline and to build a public trail above it. The CMN-Kirch open space property is located at the northeast corner of 119th Street and Arapahoe Road and is depicted on the attached map. The 30-foot wide strip of land proposed for disposition lies along the northern edge of the property and is also depicted on the attached maps.

Background

The Town of Erie has condemnation authority over Boulder County, so the county is legally unable to prevent this disposition. However, the county shares the town's goals of enhanced water service for the public and improved regional trail connectivity. In 2013, the county and town partnered on developing trail system linkages, which connected the town to the regional trail system in the southeast part of the county. The proposed disposition of a small portion of CMN-Kirch with fair compensation will enable the county to continue playing a role in assisting the town in connecting Erie residents with county trails and open space properties.

Value of Takings

The Town of Erie is required to provide just compensation for the proposed fee title taking. The county and the town have negotiated \$67,500 for the permanent taking. The county believes this is an appropriate value for this land.

Public Process

The resolution language creating the sales tax that was used to purchase the CMN-Kirch open space property requires specific procedures be followed to sell this property, including adjacent property owner notification of the county commissioners' public hearing, newspaper notice, and a 60-day waiting period following county commissioner approval. The notices included an invitation to comment at this meeting. No public comments have been received to date. Any comments we receive will be shared with you at the meeting.

Staff Discussion and Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the disposition of a portion of the CMN-Kirch open space property to the Town of Erie. The county cannot prevent this taking, and Boulder County prefers to cooperate informally with the town and negotiate fair compensation, rather than

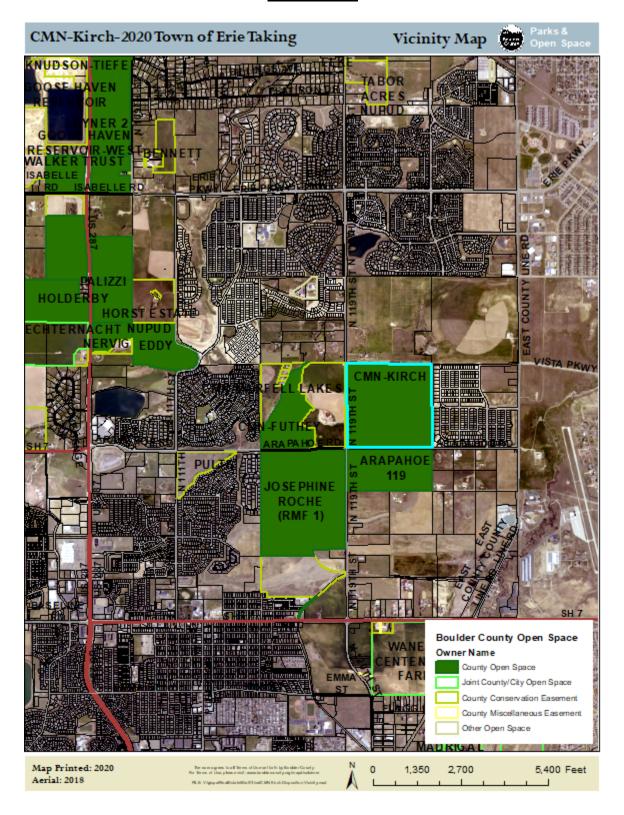
require the full formal condemnation process that is more costly and time-consuming for both parties. The proposed disposition, which will enhance water service for the public, will also help link residents to existing parks, open space, and regional trails.

POSAC Action Requested

Recommendation to the Boulder County Commissioners for approval of the disposition as described above and as further described by staff at the POSAC meeting.

Suggested motion language: I move approval of this transaction as staff has described.

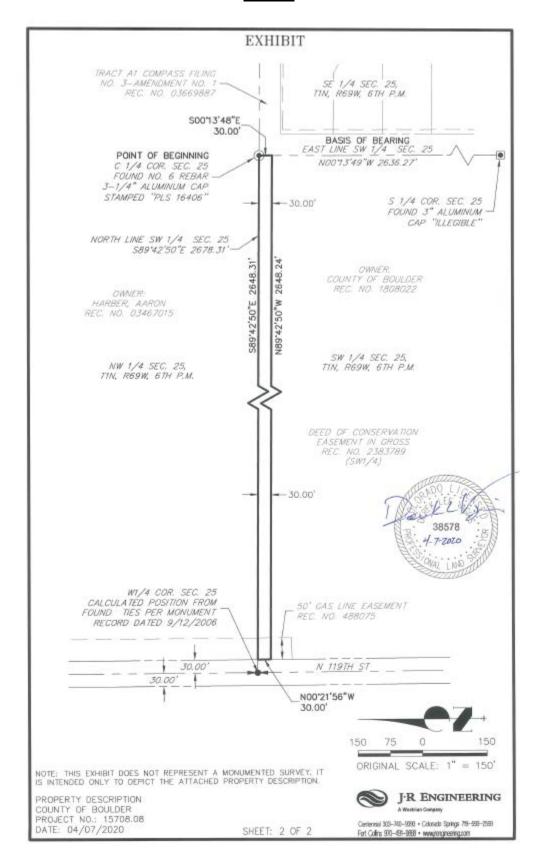
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Close-In Map



Exhibit





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RE: Hodgson-Harris Reservoir-2020 Town of Superior Taking

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ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to the BOCC

Summary

The Town of Superior proposes to acquire 0.04 AC (1,793 SF) from the Hodgson-Harris Reservoir Open Space property along 88th Street near Shamrock Drive in Superior. This taking is to accommodate the town's right-of-way needs for its 88th Street construction project.

Background

The Town of Superior is making improvements to 88th Street, which serves an important multi-modal connection between Superior and Louisville. In order to accommodate those improvements, the Town needs to acquire a small piece (0.04 acres) on the west edge of the Hodgson-Harris Reservoir open space property as depicted on the attached map.

The Town of Superior has condemnation authority over Boulder County, so the county is legally unable to prevent this project. The Town of Superior and the county will coordinate to protect and preserve the open space interests, minimize site disturbances, and provide reclamation standards to the extent practicable.

Value of Takings

The Town of Superior is required to provide just compensation for the fee taking. The county and the Town of Superior have negotiated \$2,000 for the fee taking. The county believes this is an appropriate value for the area being acquired for the project.

Public Process

It is the county's practice to notify adjacent property owners when disposition of open space property is being contemplated. The notices included an invitation to attend and comment at this meeting. No public comments have been received to date. Any comments we receive will be shared with you at the meeting.

Staff Discussion and Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of granting the noted fee parcel to the Town of Superior for its 88th Street Construction Project. The county cannot prevent this taking, and Boulder County prefers to cooperate informally with the Town of Superior in these instances and negotiate fair compensation, rather than require the full formal condemnation process that is more costly and time-consuming for both parties. The Town of Superior is being cooperative in

meeting staff's requests designed to protect natural resources as much as possible and provide reclamation standards to the extent practicable.

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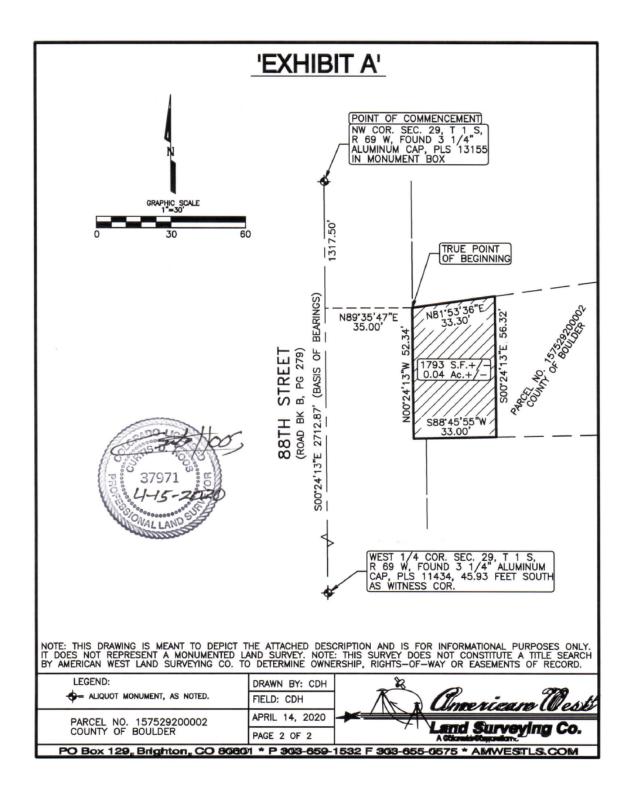
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Close-In Map



Parcel Exhibit





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PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

TO: Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee

DATE AND LOCATION: Thursday, June 25, 2020, 6:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting, Boulder, CO

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Resource Management Summary

PRESENTER: Therese Glowacki, Resource Management Manager

ACTION REQUESTED: Information Only

Background: The Resource Management Division consists of Education and Outreach, Forestry, Plant Ecology, Resource Protection, Weeds, and Wildlife. Below are some of the 2019 and early 2020 accomplishments we will present.

Wildlife

• Staff have been working with St. Vrain Valley School District on a classroom project to raise endangered native fish, Red Belly Dace, to be released back into their native habitat along the St. Vrain River.

Weeds

- Senior Weed Specialist, Steve Sauer, was honored by the Western Society of Weed Science for outstanding achievement as a weed manager.
- Staff continue to collaborate with CSU and other research institutions on enhancing native ecosystems and pollinator habitat through weed management.

Resource Protection

• Left Hand Outdoor Challenge, Junior Rangers, and volunteer patrol continued to be great tools for community collaboration in protecting our parks and open spaces.

Plant Ecology

- Several major flood projects were completed last year including Brewbaker.
- Volunteer engagement in seed collection, native seed garden, and other restoration projects is booming.

Forestry

- Forestry staff and the Sheriff's Office fire crew completed prescribed burns on slash piles and ditches.
- Community Forestry Sort Yards celebrated their 10-year milestone!

Education and Outreach

- We had over 200 volunteers providing education and outreach programs to the public in natural and cultural history.
- Staff opened the Altona Schoolhouse and the Cardinal Mill near Nederland to the public with historic artifacts and interpretative programs.



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PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, June 25, 2020, 6:30 p.m. Location: Virtual Meeting

TO: Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee

FROM/PRESENTER: Eric Lane, Director

AGENDA ITEM: POSAC Bylaws Update

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners

The current POSAC bylaws were adopted on April 30, 1985, and require an update to reflect changes in the Boulder County Parks & Open Space (BCPOS) department as well as the responsibilities of the committee members. The updated bylaws also comply with and complement the June 26, 2018, update to the Boulder County Personnel and Policy Manual, Section 1, Number 1.6.

A previous draft was approved by POSAC members at the July 25, 2019, POSAC meeting. That draft has been updated to reflect the need to conduct virtual meetings in extenuating circumstances. Both the marked copy and final copy for signature are attached.

POSAC Action Requested

Recommendation to the Boulder County Commissioners for approval of the updated POSAC bylaws, as described above and attached and as further described by staff at the POSAC meeting.

Suggested motion language: I move approval of the updated POSAC bylaws as staff has described.

I. DESCRIPTION

- A. The name of this advisory board is the Boulder County Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC).
- B. POSAC is an advisory board appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) of Boulder County to provide advice to the BOCC and Boulder County Parks & Open Space (BCPOS) department regarding BCPOS plans, programs, and actions. ¹

II. PURPOSE

- A. Provide a forum for public input regarding open space land acquisitions, dispositions,² the capital improvements plan (CIP), and management plans and policies.³
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III. MEMBERS & PARTICIPATION

- A. The membership of POSAC will consist of up to nine at-large members appointed by the BOCC. The membership should include a diversity of experience, backgrounds, and interests, and strive to reflect the demographics of Boulder County, including but not limited to, geography, race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, age, and other demographic categories.
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calendar year (including the retreat) may be replaced. Members are to inform BCPOS staff of an absence at least 24 hours before a meeting.

IV. TERMS

- A. Member terms will be three (3) years. To the extent possible, terms will be staggered to maintain membership requirements.
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V. OFFICERS

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VIII. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & CODE OF ETHICS

- A. Members of POSAC shall not use their membership for private gain and shall act impartially and not give preferential treatment to any private organization or individual. A member who has a personal or private interest in a matter proposed or pending shall disclose such interest to the board prior to discussion of that matter by the board, and if necessary, shall recuse themselves from discussion or voting on the item and shall not attempt to influence the decisions of other members voting on the matter.
- B. POSAC members will be required to sign a Conflicts of Interest & Code of Ethics Acknowledgment form and comply with its terms.

These bylaws are hereby adopted this day	of,	2020, by vote of a m	ajority of the
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Boulder County Board of County Commissioners	5.		
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	Chair, Boulder County Board of County Commissioner

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VIII. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & CODE OF ETHICS

- A. Members of POSAC shall not use their membership for private gain and shall act impartially and not give preferential treatment to any private organization or individual. A member who has a personal or private interest in a matter proposed or pending shall disclose such interest to the board prior to discussion of that matter by the board, and if necessary, shall recuse themselves from discussion or voting on the item and shall not attempt to influence the decisions of other members voting on the matter.
- B. POSAC members will be required to sign a Conflicts of Interest & Code of Ethics Acknowledgment form and comply with its terms.

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