



Parks & Open Space

Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee MINUTES

December 17, 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
Heather Williams
James Krug
Paula Fitzgerald
Steven Meyrich
Trace Baker
Tony Lewis

Staff:

Jenn Archuleta
Ann Obenchain
Eric Lane
Mel Stonebraker
Tina Nielsen
Renata Frye
Janis Whisman
Therese Glowacki
Vivienne Jannatpour
Nik Brockman
Al Hardy
Ernst Streng
Carol Beam
Audrey Butler
Stefan Reinold
Rob Alexander
Sarah Heerhartz
Pascale Fried
Jason Sauer

Approval of the November 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes

ACTION REQUESTED: Minutes Approval

Ann Obenchain submitted one change that was read into the record by Jim Krug.

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

VOTE: **AYES:** Williams, Fitzgerald, Meyrich, Baker, Lewis; **ABSTAIN:** Scott Miller, James Krug;

Public Participation - Items Not on the Agenda

Presentations

Stromquist-Laber Fee Acquisition

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to BOCC

PRESENTER: Mel Stonebraker, Senior Land Officer

Public Comment:

Donna George, 4661 Tally Ho Ct., Boulder, CO. She spoke in favor of this acquisition.

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

VOTE: **AYES:** Miller, Williams, Krug, Fitzgerald, Meyrich, Baker, Lewis;

Parks & Open Space 2021 Stewardship and Capital Improvement Projects

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to BOCC

PRESENTER: Tina Nielsen, Special Projects Manager

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

VOTE: **AYES:** Miller, Williams, Krug, Fitzgerald, Meyrich, Baker, Lewis;

Director's Update

Since the November POSAC meeting, we've completed the following real estate transactions:

1. **CenturyLink CE.** Boulder County invested \$2,250,000 and Jefferson County invested \$1,500,000 to help the Town of Superior acquire the 182-acre property from Century Link. Boulder County jointly holds the CE with Jefferson County and Boulder County is the managing partner.
2. **Canino-7M Ranch Water.** In June, when the county acquired the Canino-7M Ranch, we acquired an option for another 29 shares of Boulder and White Rock water (a priority ditch) for \$159,500.
3. **Chandler.** The county paid \$1,250,000 for this property, which we hope to sell fee title to a tenant farmer in 2021. If we get a deal together for that, POSAC will be asked to review that deal before it goes to the BOCC at a public hearing.
4. **Spencer (Ken) Water.** We acquired 41 shares of Left Hand water (another priority ditch) for \$209,100 (\$5,100/share).

Other accomplishments:

- The BOCC approved a management plan update to CHP/RCF Hearing on Tuesday with some modifications that tempered additional trails/trailheads and clarified expectations for managing prairie dogs. Staff are working to update the plan to incorporate the direction of the Board and we will take the complete update to the Board for final approval at the January 5, 2021 business meeting.
- POS staff completed comments on Gross Reservoir and provided to CPP.
- The department's Management Team and Cultural Responsiveness and Inclusion Committee have completed to partner meetings with a diversity of Latinx non-profits who are helping us explore and envision how we can better engage and serve the Latinx community. These meetings have been arranged and facilitated by the Trestle Group, our consultant that is helping us develop our Cultural Responsiveness and Inclusion Strategic Plan.
- Rangers are upgrading their communications capabilities to be fully compatible with the Sheriff's Office and other emergency response services with Mobile Data Centers (iPad for their vehicles to log calls, call out emergencies, and interact with the Sheriff's Office communication center). We've been able to access federal CARES funding with additional Sales Tax funds.
- Fire recovery
 - We are working with the NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection program to access federal funding for aerial mulching and check dam installation in the burned area of Heil, Conservation Easements, and private property.
 - In order to mulch the burned area, we need wood - so forestry staff is locating and calculating woody material from our sort yards, USFS projects, urban limb and tree diversion, etc.

- Forestry and trails staff are addressing the hazard trees around the trails and access roads at Heil. Over 3 miles of trail and road still need to be cleared of burned and dangerous trees in order to safely open the southern trails at Heil Valley Ranch.
- We've reopened the Picture Rock Trail, the Ponderosa Loop, and part of the Wild Turkey Trail.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:16 PM