



**Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee
MINUTES**

February 25, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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
Ann Obenchain
Tony Lewis
Jenn Archuleta -- **Excused**

Staff:

Eric Lane
Therese Glowacki
Janis Whisman
Melissa Arnold
Vivienne Jannatpour
Nik Brockman
Renata Frye
Susan Spaulding
Stefan Reinold
David Hirt
Mac Kobza
Jeff Moline

Approval of the January 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes

ACTION REQUESTED: Minutes Approval

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

VOTE: **AYES:** Miller, Williams, Krug, Fitzgerald, Meyrich, Baker, Obenchain, Lewis; **EXCUSED:** Jenn Archuleta;

Presentations

Real Estate Division's Strategic Plan

ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only

PRESENTER: Janis Whisman, Real Estate Division Manager and Melissa Arnold, Conservation Easement Program Manager

Public Comments:

Jeff Unger, 1357 Washburn St., Erie. He wanted to speak about the proposed compost facility at Rainbow Nursery site. He was asked to wait to make comments until that item comes before POSAC during the public process phase.

Ed Dawson, 11285 Lookout Rd., Longmont. He had questions regarding land placed under a conservation easement.

Project Management & Design Strategic Plan Overview

ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only

PRESENTER: Sean Reynolds, Project Manager

Public Comments:

Sepp Seitz, 11377 Lookout Road, Longmont.

Species Conservation and Recovery Plans

ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only

PRESENTER: Susan Spaulding, Stefan Reinold, and David Hirt

Public Comments:

Nancy Davis, She spoke about resources for assistance to protect environmental resources.

Theo Kuhn, 2815 W 42nd Ave., Denver. He spoke about species of special concern.

The Northern Redbelly Dace Recovery Project

ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only

PRESENTER: Mac Kobza, Wildlife Biologist

Due to a lack of time, this item was tabled until a later date.

Calwood Fire and Recovery Measures

ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only

PRESENTER: Stefan Reinold and David Hirt

Public Comments:

Richard Lopez, 8034 Lefthand Canyon Dr., Jamestown. He is the President of Cal-Wood Education Center. He spoke about the impact of the fire on Cal-Wood and their mitigation and restoration efforts.

Director's Update

- Raptor nest volunteer monitors are onboard. At least 2 bald eagle nests in our region have already started incubation (quite early for this) including the one at Stearns Lake.
- POS approved 4 small research grants for a total of \$40,000 for 2021 research. This year we will have 3 projects looking at the CalWood Fire (treated areas and burn severity; cheatgrass response to fire; soil carbon stocks after fire), and one continuing long-term bat research on POS.
- The Fairgrounds will be starting limited public use. The county's Recovery Team has approved gathering of 10 or less individual for groups that will adhere to standard safety guidelines including masks and social distancing. Open Ride will begin March 3rd and Barrel Racing will begin March 4th. Our staff will be monitoring Open Ride throughout the event to make sure no more than 10 riders are in the building at any time. Barrel Racing will have a sign up so no more than 8 racers are in the building plus two producers. Discussions will occur next week on the potential for reopening the campground and perhaps increase events to 25 people in April.
- Today, the weather allowed us to burn forestry slash piles at Hall Ranch - no numbers yet.
- In preparation for spring break, our Education and Outreach team is creating web-based family scavenger hunts for Betasso Preserve, Mud Lake, and Legion Park.
- We will soon deliver to the BOCC an IGA that formalizes our relationship with Cities of Louisville and Lafayette for the design and construction of the 104th St Trail connecting the Coal Creek and Rock Creek Trails. Louisville will take the lead on selecting design and construction firms. Trail design is scheduled to begin by late May 2021 and anticipated to be about 9 - 12 months. It will include stakeholder meetings with adjacent property owners, including POS agricultural operations tenants. Construction is forecasted to begin in early 2022.

- We also expect a March BOCC hearing on the Federal Lands Access Program grant for the Rocky Mountain Greenway. No date set yet.
- The Fairgrounds Master Plan process will continue to be on hold for several more months until we believe that we can have robust public engagement.

Lastly, please remember that the annual POSAC retreat will be next Saturday via Zoom from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Note that the first 45 minutes will be an executive session closed to the public. The public session will start around 9:15 am.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:18 PM