



**Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee  
MINUTES**

March 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:**

Heather Williams  
James Krug  
Jenn Archuleta  
Steven Meyrich  
Trace Baker  
Ann Obenchain  
Tony Lewis  
Janet George  
Paula Fitzgerald -- **Excused**

**Staff:**

Eric Lane  
Vivienne Jannatpour  
Nik Brockman  
Renata Frye  
Tina Burghardt  
Therese Glowacki  
Tina Nielsen  
Mike Foster  
Justin Atherton-Wood  
Sarah Andrews  
Denny Morris  
Luiz Blanco-Bertolo  
Janis Whisman  
John Queen

**Approval of the February 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

*ACTION REQUESTED: Minutes Approval*

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

VOTE: **AYES:** Krug, Archuleta, Meyrich, Baker, Obenchain, Lewis; **ABSTAIN:** Janet George; **EXCUSED:** Heather Williams, Paula Fitzgerald;

**Presentations**

**Clark (David & Joseph) Acquisition**

*ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to BOCC*

PRESENTER:Tina Burghardt, Senior Land Officer  
Public Comment

Bette Williams, 1347 Allen, Erie. She has concerns about the possibly that this land may not stay in agricultural use.

Donna George, 4661 Tally Ho Ct., Boulder  
She was interested in the legality of the building lots and the due diligence and purchase agreement for this purchase.

Charlie Hager, 6645 Jay Rd., Boulder. He is a neighbor near the Clark property. He and his wife are in support of the purchase, but they did have concerns about the continued water rights and the future use of the property.

Jeff Unger, 1357 Washburn St., Erie. He wanted to know if there was a conservation easement on the property.

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

**VOTE: AYES:** Williams, Krug, Archuleta, Baker, Obenchain, Lewis, George; **ABSTAIN:** Steven Meyrich; **EXCUSED:** Paula Fitzgerald;

#### **Caretaker Ranger Update**

*ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only*

PRESENTER:Sarah Andrews, Kevin Grady, Denny Morris, Juan Ocampo, and John Queen  
Public Comment

Donna George, 4661 Tally Ho Ct. Boulder. She stated she appreciates the work of the resident rangers.

#### **Strategic Plan Updates: Resource Planning and Public Information & Engagement**

*ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only*

PRESENTER:Ernst Strenge, Senior Planner, and Justin Atherton-Wood, Senior Planner and Vivienne Jannatpour, Public Information & Engagement Manager  
Public Comment

Donna George, 4661 Tally Ho Ct., Boulder. She stated that the Gunbarrel community needs a subcommunity plan and a citizen committee for open space and parks.

#### **Director's Update**

Introducing two new members of the Department's Management Team:

Luiz Blanco-Bertolo who will be taking the reins of Boulder County Youth Corps from Judy Wolfe who retires on April 2.

Mike Foster who steps in as the new division manager for the Agricultural Resources Division.

Heil Valley Ranch:

- The aerial mulching contract for the Cal-Wood Fire recovery work on Heil Valley Ranch was awarded last week. This project will commence in April. One interesting wrinkle is that our golden eagles, which have nested on Heil in Marietta Canyon for decades and whose nest was destroyed in the fire, have rebuilt and are now sitting on eggs!
- Hazard tree felling in the burned area around the trailhead, trails, and access roads is almost complete. These trees will be used for the mulch to stabilize the soil.
- We anticipate using volunteers for many aspects of the fire recovery, including having volunteers build small check dams, rebuilding fences, and carry out small seeding projects.
- We are taking advantage of the many researchers interested in studying the fire. We are supporting three fire projects through our small research grant program.
- The BOCC approved 104<sup>th</sup> Street Trail IGA with Louisville and Lafayette. We anticipate design work to begin this spring and construction later in the year.
- We made a public presentation of the Cultural Responsiveness and Inclusion Strategic Plan to the BOCC and will be having a follow-up discussion with them soon to discuss it further.

- The BOCC will meet on April 1 at 5pm to hear the staff (and POSAC) recommendation to sign an IGA with partner cities and counties to approve the Federal Lands Access Program grant application for the Rocky Mountain Greenway.
- The Longmont Farmers Market opens April 3. At this time, they are promoting the market “simply [as] a spot to shop.” Shoppers can make a reservation for a timed visit, but walk-ups will also be welcome. They will be following COVID protocols such as: wearing a mask, 6-foot social distancing, and one-way flow of traffic. Up to 150 people will be allowed in market at one time.

Lastly, I want to mention that we, along with Louisville and Lafayette, will be working with a group of graduate students from the CU Boulder Masters of the Environment program to develop a management plan for Mayhoffer Farm. This is a specific objective in the Board of County Commissioners’ Strategic Priorities. Because the property is co-owned with the two cities, we will be looking at the possibility of a shared public meeting with all three advisory boards in late September. We’ll discuss this possibility with you as we develop a clearer timeline for the management plan process and assess the feasibility of conducting a joint hearing.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM