



Parks & Open Space

Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee MINUTES

April 22, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order

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

Members:

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

Staff:

Eric Lane
Therese Glowacki
Mac Kobza
Pascale Fried
Judy Dvorshock
Vivienne Jannatpour
Nik Brockman
Renata Frye
Dave Hoerath

Approval of the March 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

ACTION REQUESTED: Minutes Approval

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

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

Presentations

Elk Management Update

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation to BOCC

PRESENTER: Therese Glowacki, Resource Management Division Manager

Non-staff speakers included:

Joe Padia - CPW
Ben Gallowich - CPW
Jason Duetsch - CPW

ACTION: Fitzgerald moved approval of item. Baker seconded the motion. Tony Lewis proposed an amendment that the BOCC approach CPW for funding to add an overpass over Hwy 36.

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

The Northern Redbelly Dace Recovery Project

ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only

PRESENTER: Mac Kobza, Wildlife Biologist

Strategic Plan Updates: Administration Division and Education & Outreach workgroup

ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only

PRESENTER: Judy Dvorshock, Administrative Division Manager and Pascale Fried, Education & Outreach Manager

Director's Update

Heil Valley Ranch:

- The aerial mulching contractor is starting to mobilize equipment and helicopters may start flying to collect hazard trees next week.
- POS participated in 3 open houses for neighbors and community to learn about flood risks.
- POS awarded the contract to design and then build sediment control structures on Heil.
- We submitted a grant to Colorado Water Conservation Board for addition funds to cover mulching on high priority USFS land that will increase the effectiveness of our mulching efforts.
- The south side of Heil will remain closed for safety and speed of operations until September 30.

Other Updates:

- The BOCC and City of Boulder approved the Rocky Mountain Greenway FLAP IGA which codifies collaboration among Boulder and Jefferson Counties and some cities on the construction of trail crossings on Indiana Street and State Highway 128 to connect trail networks to Rocky Flats and extend the Rocky Mountain Greenway into Boulder.
- The construction of the Niwot Ditch diversion structure met a milestone on April 1 and is delivering water to the agricultural users. The creek passage component is still under construction. This will help the state endangered native fish use the creek without begin blocked by a dam, while still providing water to the farmers. It also replaces a ditch diversion which has been deteriorating and was in need of replacement.
- The Open Space Foundation awarded the Ag program \$50,000 for the Boulder County Bean Storage Project to help support the transition away from genetically engineered crops. We are working to finalize the best location of the new storage shed.
- Community Forest Sort Yard in Nederland opens next Wednesday, April 28.

Parting remarks: I've appreciated the opportunity to work with POSAC, individually and collectively, over the last several years. I value the time and commitment that each of you have made to public service and your partnership with the Department to advance the community's open space goals. Some issues are fun to learn about and others are difficult to work through. You've volunteered to sit in the hot seat on a few thorny issues that our community continues to grapple with - and you've done so voluntarily. So, I want to thank you for your commitment to serve the community and express my sincere appreciation for

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the opportunity to partner with you in shaping the future of Boulder County's open spaces. I wish you all well, especially in your continued work for open space. Thank you very much!

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:19 PM