



Parks & Open Space

Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee MINUTES

August 26, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting
Use Link, Microsoft Teams, N/A, CO

Call to Order

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

Members:

Heather Williams
James Krug
Jenn Archuleta
Paula Fitzgerald
Steven Meyrich
Trace Baker
Ann Obenchain
Janet George

Staff:

Tony Lewis
Janis Whisman
Renata Frye
Vivienne Jannatpour
Nik Brockman
Stefan Reinold
Mary Olson
Joe Thiltgen
Luiz Blanco-Bertolo
Bevin Carithers

Approval of the June 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes

ACTION REQUESTED: Minutes Approval

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

VOTE: **AYES:** Williams, Archuleta, Fitzgerald, Meyrich, Baker, Obenchain, George; **ABSTAIN:** James Krug;

Public Participation - Items Not on the Agenda

Wendy Sweet, Executive Director of Boulder Mountainbike Alliance, 3600 Dartmouth Ave., Boulder. She said that she and the mountain bike community is unhappy about the lack of communications around the continued closure of Heil Valley Ranch due to the Cal-Wood Fire.

Janis Whisman, former interim Co-Director, provided the Director's Update on this matter immediately after the Public Comment period.

Presentations

Boulder County ADA Transition Plan – Parks & Open Space Overview

ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only

PRESENTER: Karla Schultz, Facilities Planner, Boulder County Public Works, and Geoff Ames with Meeting the Challenge

No public comments

2021 Strategic Plan Overview: Forestry & Fire and Shop Workgroups

ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only

PRESENTER: Stefan Reinold, Forestry & Fire Supervisor, and Joe Thiltgen, Shop & Fleet Foreman

No public comments

Youth Corps Update and 2021 Strategic Plan Overview

ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only

PRESENTER: Luiz Blanco-Bertolo, Youth Corps Manager

No public comments

Director's Update

This month's Director's Update was given by Janis Whisman, Real Estate Division Manager.

The Heil Valley Ranch recovery work timeline is on our website:

bouldercounty.org/open-space/management/heil-valley-ranch-cal-wood-fire-recovery/

- The aerial mulching project is complete. Wood shred mulch was applied over 2,115 acres.
- All obvious hazard trees have been removed from over 3.31 miles of trails and roads on the property.
- Weed and sediment has been removed from trails.
- Over 11 miles of trails have been reopened to the public.
- We plan to reopen portions of the Wapiti trail by Oct. 1.
- Many more projects are still planned before reopening. Because of this, we will ask the BOCC for approval to keep the rest of Heil Valley Ranch closed until spring for ongoing fire recovery and public safety concerns.
- BCPOS plans to provide a more detailed update to POSAC later this fall.

The Colorado Open Space Alliance conference will take place this September in Vail. POSAC has received an invitation to attend.

The Aldridge property acquisition in Gilpin County closed on August 12.

Joe Swanson was hired as the Senior Weed Specialist, replacing Steve Sauer who recently retired.

Boulder County is not currently under any burn restrictions. Our department and the Sheriff's Office are working on prescribed burn plans for Hall Ranch and Ron Stewart Preserve at Rabbit Mountain.

Boulder County has approximately 14 bald eagle nests, eight of which are on around near open space. Twenty-nine eaglets fledged this year. In addition, eight golden eaglets fledged this year.

The Dougherty Museum has opened for a shortened season. It will remain open until the end of August.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:53 PM