



**Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee
AGENDA**

September 23, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Suggested Timetable

6:30 Call to Order

6:30 Approval of the August 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes
ACTION REQUESTED: Minutes Approval

6:35 Public Participation - Items Not on the Agenda

Presentations

6:40 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Survey
ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only
PRESENTER:Aisa Garita, Camille Rodriguez, Ignacio Borunda

7:00 2021 Strategic Plan Overview: Historic Preservation and Fairgrounds
ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only
PRESENTER:Carol Beam, Cultural Resources Project Coordinator and Joe LaFollette,
Fairgrounds Manager

7:30 Cal-Wood Fire Recovery at Heil Valley Ranch
ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only
PRESENTER:David Hirt, Senior Plant Ecologist and Sharla Benjamin, Project Manager

8:00 Director's Update

8:05 Adjourn

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**Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee
MINUTES**

August 26, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by James Krug

Members:

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

Staff:

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 stated 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.

Attachment: Aug Draft Minutes (7418 : Approval of the August 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes)

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.
- BCPOS 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 p.m.



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PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Time/Date of Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting

TO:	Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee
FROM/PRESENTERS:	Commissioners' Community Engagement Team
AGENDA ITEM:	ARPA Community Engagement Process
ACTION REQUESTED:	Information Only

Boulder County, like many other local governments, has received \$63.3 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to help respond to community needs, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery. To assist with that process, a Boulder County ARPA Community Steering Committee, with support from the Knight Foundation and the Community Foundation Boulder County, has been formed by the Board of County Commissioners to collaborate with community leaders to ask for your ideas for building a recovery that is equitable and durable. Your input will guide the County's and other governments' program and investment decisions.

As part of the community engagement process to gain community input into the Commissioners' decision-making around the spending of ARPA funds, the Community Engagement Consultant – Rebuild by Design -- requested that all major county advisory boards be informed of an ARPA survey.

Community Engagement Specialists Aisa Garita and Ignacio Borunda will introduce the survey and the work being done to gain community input.

County's American Rescue Plan Act page:

bouldercounty.org/government/budget-and-finance/american-rescue-plan-act-arpa/

Link to survey:

bouldercountysurvey.com

Attachment: POSAC Memo_ARPA (7419 : American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Survey)



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PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

TO: Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee
DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Strategic Plan Overview: Fairgrounds Workgroup and Cultural & Paleontological Resources Workgroup
PRESENTERS: Joe LaFollette, Fairgrounds Manager, and Carol Beam, Cultural Resources Project Coordinator
ACTION REQUESTED: Information Only

Background

In 2019, staff embarked on an internal planning process to ensure that our work reflects strategic priorities and moves us toward our desired future conditions and goals. The result of this work is a strategic plan for every workgroup in the Parks & Open Space Department that sets work priorities and informs each employee’s workplan. Over the course of 2021, work groups will provide an overview of their strategic objectives to POSAC. This month’s presentations will be from the Fairgrounds (Recreation & Facilities Division) and Cultural & Paleontological Resources workgroup (Resource Planning Division).

Fairgrounds Workgroup DFC

An economically sustainable, adaptable modern facility that meets the needs and desires of a diverse community.

Fairgrounds Goals

1. Create and maintain an effective master plan that guides the future of the Fairgrounds.
2. Engage and collaborate with the community, stakeholders, and decision makers to provide ongoing vision and support.
3. Maintain and provide a well-kept facility for users and community while providing exceptional customer service.

Objective 1-1: Begin work with Design Workshop to craft Master Plan in 2021.

Objective 1-2: In 2022, finalize the Master Plan and coordinate objectives with the Strategic Plan to begin implementing our desired future conditions.

Objective 2-1: Meet with all users and public groups to obtain wants and needs in 2021 and 2022.

Objective 2-2: Solicit input from non-users in 2022.

Objective 2-3: Find ways to improve infrastructure to meet desires set forth from these discussions to create a master plan in 2022.

Objective 3-1: During Master Planning effort in 2021-2022, complete ongoing maintenance for safety and functionality including lighting upgrades and concrete repairs.

Cultural & Paleontological Resources Workgroup DFC

Cultural and paleontological resources are managed in a timely, appropriate, and professional manner. Through these actions, the stories of ancient life and historic peoples are weaved together that are respectful of the fossil record and inclusive of the legacy of people traditionally associated with the land.

Cultural & Paleontological Resources Workgroup Goals

1. Identify and record cultural and paleontological resources in Boulder County.
2. Develop action plan to maximize use of existing data, increase data collection, and incorporate the use of new technologies.
3. Manage cultural and paleontological resources based upon their significance, condition, and use.
4. Increase public awareness and stewardship actions by sharing the value cultural and paleontological resources provide and the benefits of historic preservation.

Cultural & Paleontological Resources Workgroup Objectives

- Objective 1-1:** Apply for a Certified Local Government grant to fund a Class III archaeology survey for the Billings and/or Riverside Ranch open space properties by January 15, 2021.
- Objective 1-2:** Complete the Billings Open Space cultural resource survey fieldwork by November 15, 2021.
- Objective 1-3:** Complete the Heil Valley Ranch Cultural Resource Select Resurvey fieldwork by December 31, 2021.
- Objective 1-4:** Complete a paleontological survey on the southeast grasslands open space properties south of the Northwest Parkway that include Ruth Roberts, the southern portion of CHP@RCF, Archdiocese of Denver, Liley, Roberts (Simi), Valley Investments, Broomfield North, Thompson (Tommy), Thompson (J&T), Butler and Eberl by December 31, 2021.
- Objective 3-1:** Annually complete agricultural lease review in partnership with agricultural lease staff to determine what leases will need stewardship guidance included by December 31.
- Objective 3-2:** Annually coordinate with other work groups on their projects that may impact cultural or paleontological resources and determine project needs by December 31.
- Objective 3-3:** Write one landmark nomination discussed in the narrative above and bring to the Historic Preservation Advisory Board for a recommendation of approval to the Board of County Commissioners by December 31, 2021.
- Objective 3-4:** Complete the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm National Register nomination by December 31, 2021 in order for the nomination to be added to the May 22, 2022 Colorado Historic Preservation Review Board meeting date.
- Objective 3-5:** Complete the Braly (Wencel) Barn silo fireman's hat reconstruction by December 31, 2021.

- Objective 4-1:** Annually host one (1) public awareness event, either in person or virtually, that will bring attention to the cultural and paleontological resources and historic preservation projects on open space by December 31.
- Objective 4-2:** Annually write one (1) Images articles highlighting cultural or paleontological resources or a historic preservation project by December 31.

POSAC Action Requested
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TO:	Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee
FROM/PRESENTER:	David Hirt & Sharla Benjamin
AGENDA ITEM:	Cal-Wood Fire Recovery Update
ACTION REQUESTED:	Information Only

The following presentation will provide an update on the status of the Cal-Wood Fire recovery work on Heil Valley Ranch and adjacent private and USFS lands. We will address the following topics:

- Update on status of grants and funding sources
- Recently completed aerial mulching work and management of weeds
- Current construction activities to install a variety of sediment capture structures
- Future construction activities to continue structure installation, improve infrastructure capacity to withstand post-fire flooding
- Update on re-building the access roads, trails and trailheads.
- Public safety-related signage, protocols, and advanced warning systems that are designed to keep staff, volunteers, and contractors safe during construction and will aid the safe re-opening and visitor management of Heil Valley Ranch for many future years until the burned forest and watershed are more stable

Attachment: Cal-Wood Fire Recovery Update (7421 : Cal-Wood Fire Recovery at Heil Valley Ranch)