



**Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee  
MINUTES**

September 23, 2021  
6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Jenn Archuleta

**Members:**

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

**Staff:**

Therese Glowacki  
Vivienne Jannatpour  
Nik Brockman  
Renata Frye  
David Hirt  
Carol Beam  
Sharla Benjamin  
Joe LaFollette  
Ignacio Borunda  
Aisa Garita

**Approval of the August 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

*ACTION REQUESTED: Minutes Approval*

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

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

## Public Participation - Items Not on the Agenda

None

### Presentations

#### **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Survey**

*ACTION REQUESTED: None, Information item only*

PRESENTER: Aisa Garita, Ignacio Borunda

No public comments

#### **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

No public comments

#### **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

No public comments

### Director's Update

- Parks & Open Space had an all-staff workday on Sept. 22 at Heil Valley Ranch to work on projects to help stabilize the property. 80 staff participated.
- Public events are being planned at Heil Valley Ranch this fall. Look for announcements.
- There will be several POSAC meetings in October:
  - Oct. 19, 3 p.m.: Joint hearing with BOCC for the Cropland Policy Update. No deliberations or votes will take place at this meeting.
  - Oct. 21, 7 p.m.: Joint meeting with Louisville and Lafayette open space boards to consider the Mayhoffer Management Plan.
  - Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m.: Meeting to deliberate and recommend the Cropland Policy Update. No further public comment will be taken on this topic.
- Work is ongoing on the Tolland Trail, which is primarily in Gilpin County. We expect it to open by Spring 2023. The trail will be closed in the winter months.
- The Lyons area will see two big projects. Our office is working with the Town of Lyons on communication related to these projects:
  - Highway 7 final flood recovery project is starting, and crews will use a small section of Heil Valley Ranch as a staging area.
  - Reclamation work started recently on the Hall 2 property. Blasting will need to happen to complete the reclamation. The property is closed to the public.

- The CRISP workgroup [Cultural Responsiveness and Inclusion Strategic Plan] has started installing bilingual signs. You can see them when you visit Mud Lake and Caribou Ranch.
- Our vacant Senior Volunteer Coordinator position was recently filled by a bilingual candidate, Carlos Lerma.
- The Recreation & Facilities Manager position just closed. Interviews are expected to begin mid-October.
- The Boulder County Fairgrounds will reopen part of the parking lot as a drive-through COVID-19 testing site.
- The Sherwood Gulch forestry project is out to bid, and we expect work to begin in November or December.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:58 PM