



Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee

*DRAFT Minutes
February 27, 2014*

Meeting Summary

OSTAC reviewed the possible locations for a planned pedestrian underpass for State Highway 7 that would be part of the Broomfield Trail. The committee also reviewed Open Space and Trails accomplishments for 2013 and goals for 2014, and reviewed plans for sediment removal along the Gay Reservoir Drainage Channel.

Roll Call

OSTAC

Present:

Rob Bodine

Patrick Tennyson

Sam Taylor

Annette Cislo

William Olney

OSTAC Absent:

George Zack

Mike Shelton

Jay McKeral

Others in attendance:

Kristan Pritz, Open Space and Trails Director

Kevin Standbridge, Deputy City and County Manager

Pete Dunlaevy, Open Space and Trails Coordinator

Ronda Jo Ackerman-Alford, CIP Project Manager

Agenda Minutes

1. Call to Order, 6:05 p.m. by Rob Bodine
2. Introduction of Interested Citizens
3. Update and Review of the Preliminary Results of the Feasibility Analysis for the State Highway 7/Huron Street Pedestrian Underpass

Kristan described the project in general terms and introduced Ronda Jo Ackerman-Alford, Capital Improvements Program Project Manager. Ronda Jo showed concepts for the proposed pedestrian underpass and aerial pictures of the possible

locations for it along Highway 7. The committee reviewed concepts for the three possible locations. Kristan reviewed the surrounding trail connection planned for this area, including the Broomfield Trail, North Park Trails, and others trails outlined in the Trails Master Plan.

>Sam-option 2 appears to serve double duty as both a trail and drainage passage under Highway 7;

>Annette-regarding the timeline for this design process, do the current designs reflect any changes due to the September flooding;

>Ronda Jo-the area under consideration for this project has been a flood plain/drainage area for years, so there were already design features to address flooding;

>Kevin-we did see some flooding in this area but generally saw the water go where we thought it would; we did learn more about how flood waters might pass through this area, which will be helpful for these designs;

>Sam-is CDOT still considering a 'diverging diamond' at the intersection of I-25 and Highway 7?

>Kevin-yes, they are still looking at that design;

>Sam-this design may end up not making that intersection much bigger and would leave more flexibility to the west for crossings;

>Rob-these designs are very proactive and we are happy to see the plans;

>Annette-regarding the underpass itself, do we have any detail on the designs?

>Ronda Jo-not any specific designs yet at this point; but the potential size and basic design structure is known and staff has identified other underpasses that have worked well in Broomfield and beyond;

>Annette-there is some concern for crime and predators in underpasses that are located in more remote locations like this;

>Kristan- we are expecting that this location will not be so remote in the future as we anticipate a lot of development and activity in this area in the coming years;

>Rob-what is the timeline for this project?

>Ronda Jo-this project is not currently in the 5-year CIP plan; the timeline will be based on surrounding development moving forward and the availability of budgeted funds; the construction may also be tied to the North Park project's construction.

4. Review of Accomplishments for 2013 and Goals for 2014

Kristan reviewed and handed out the final list of Open Space and Trails Accomplishments for 2013, and the planned goals for 2014. The committee reviewed and endorsed the planned goals for 2014. Kristan also encouraged any ongoing feedback or ideas on the 2014 goals that may come up after the meeting.

5. Update on the Gay Reservoir Channel Drainage Project in the vicinity of Midway Boulevard/Zuni Street

Pete provided background and a summary of the ongoing coordination with Urban Drainage for the drainage improvements being made to the Gay Reservoir channel. The first phase of this project was completed in the fall of 2013 and involved the removal of some vegetation and debris from the channel. The next phase planned for March of 2014 will consist of sediment removal to improve the flow of water through the channel to eliminate backed up flows and pools of stagnant water in the channel. There will be very minimal tree removal with this phase of the project and existing trees would only be removed where absolutely necessary to remove sediment and reshape the channel. There may be temporary trail closures next to the channel, but contractors will attempt to keep the trail open for children during school travel times.

6. Recognition of Community Service by OSTAC members George Zack and Bill Olney

Broomfield staff and the Committee thanked Bill Olney for his service to Open Space and Trails. George Zack was unable to attend the meeting, but the committee expressed their gratitude for his service as well. Bill Olney presented staff with a framed photograph he took of Plaster Reservoir and the Broadlands neighborhood.

7. Review and Approve Minutes of the January 23, 2014 OSTAC Meeting

Patrick motions to approve the minutes; Rob seconds the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

8. Updates

- OSTAC Meeting Schedule for 2014 (no meeting in March or May)
- March 1, Garden Fair, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., Community Center, Lakeshore Room
- March 20, McKay /Lambertson Master Plan Open House, Lakeshore Room at Community Center, 280 Spader Way
- April 19, Plaster Reservoir Planting Day with the Broomfield Open Space Foundation and McKay Landing Neighborhood
- May 3, Fishing Derby at Plaster Reservoir with the Broomfield Open Space Foundation
- >Annette-recommended increased advertising for the Garden Fair including an advertisement in the Broomfield Enterprise for next year's event.

9. Other as Desired by OSTAC

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.