



Joint Open Space and Trails Open Advisory Committee & Parks, Recreation, and Senior Services Advisory Committee Meeting

*Minutes
January 26, 2023*

Meeting Summary

The committees were given an overview of the Phase 2 progress, needs assessment, performance measures and missing links trail maps for the Open Space, Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan Refresh. Group break out sessions took place to discuss Park Classifications and Standards and Trails Prioritization Criteria.

OSTAC (Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee)

Present:

Michael McLane, Chair
Renaë Stavros, Vice-Chair
Teng Keng (TK) Vang
Alexis Sweet
Scott Whitmore

PRSSAC (Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Advisory Committee)

Doug Errett (Chair)
Stacey Klemp
Mike Schrad
Rochelle Remaly
Yolanda Youts
Jessica Millhiser
Roxie Juul (Alternate)

Absent:

Patrick Tennyson, OSTAC
Dave Holmstrom, OSTAC Alternate
Jason Anderson, PRSSAC
Beverly Burbach, Open Space and Trails Administrative Analyst
Chris Petrizzo, OSTAC
Councilmember Todd Cohen (Ex-Officio Member), OSTAC
Councilmember James Marsh-Holschen (Alternate), PRSSACe
Mayor Pro-tem Stan Jezierski (Council Representative). OSTAC

Interested Citizens:

Christine Brazanskas
Ted Wallhaus

Other staff, presenters, and consultants in attendance:

Kristan Pritz, Open Space and Trails Director
Peter Dunleavy, Open Space and Trails Manager
Jean Hardouin, Open Space and Trails Administrative Temp
Lexi Brewer, Open Space and Trails Specialist
Clay Shuck, Director of Operations

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Angela Kochevar, Office Business Manager
Matt Gulley, Superintendent Recreation
Ryan Jensen, Superintendent Parks
Nikki Crouse, Senior Services Manager
Michelle Regan, Project Manager, DTJ Design

Agenda Minutes

1. Call to Order by Doug Errett, 6:00 p.m.

Doug called the meeting to order and welcomed members from the public. Doug started the meeting with OSTAC's land acknowledgement.

2. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda

Members of the public were invited to share comments not on the Agenda.

Ted Walhaus and Christine Brazanskas spoke to the group about concerns with the North Area Water Tanks planned in the Anthem Filing 24 subdivision located generally in the southeast corner of the intersection of Sheridan Boulevard and Lowell Boulevard (3473 W. 152nd Avenue).

- Ted explained community members worked with the City Engineer in 2020 and the plans were changed in 2022 from a single buried tank to 3 tanks partially buried.
- Both citizens explained their understanding of the need for the tanks and their concerns about the impact to the views and open space.
- They urged the group to be aware of the plans and asked that they help to find a better solution while preserving the views of the area without sacrificing the open space.
- They requested an understanding of the public engagement process so that they could continue to be involved and understand the project.

Staff Comment: Please note that details on the project will be provided on the Broomfield Voice Page for this project so that all residents will have access to the same information.

3. [Presentation on Progress on the Open Space, Parks, Recreation and Trails Plan Refresh](#)

Michelle Regan, Land Planner and Landscape Architect with DTJ introduced herself and gave an overview of progress to date.

- Purpose - refresh the 2005 OSPRT Plan while keeping 2016 updates in mind
- Currently in Phase 2, halfway through data analysis
- Step 3 - performance measures will be reviewed
 - Needs Assessment (Performance Measures)
 - i. A systematic process to help determine and address needs or gaps between the current conditions of Broomfield's OSPRT Plan and the desired conditions or goals of the OSPRT Plan
 - ii. Needs fall into three categories
 - 1. Resource Based- needs unique to Broomfield
 - 2. Standard Based-
 - a. Level of service standards
 - b. Design standards
 - c. Acreage goals
 - 3. Demand Based
 - a. Needs expressed by Community
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- iii. Chapter 2 Existing Resources - looking at where we are
 - iv. Chapter 3 Community Values and priorities - what people are saying
 - v. Chapter 4 Future needs - predictions for future
 - vi. Chapter 5 Recommendations - what we need to do to reach goals 20 yrs out
 - vii. Chapter 6 implementation strategies - financial and resources
 - viii. Chapter 7 Municipal code revisions - important to have it's own section
 - ix. Chapter 8 PLD provisions
- Future Community Engagement
 - i. Focus Group Spring 2023 to share results of phase II with community
 - Open house style to reconnect with community letting them know they've been heard
 - Group Break Out Sessions
 - i. [DRAFT Park Standards](#)

PRSSAC Small Group Discussion - Clay and Ryan led the group discussion with PRSSAC and obtained the following feedback:
Access and Visibility: Under City/Countywide Parks, comment on adjoining streets - single street, how many? Under Community Park (all categories) define public transit in more detail.
Other Design Considerations: Under City/Countywide Parks, add lighting standards?
Under Community Park, add lighting and parking standards.
Under Neighborhood Park, more clearly define "regularly shaped".
"Close proximity" - group wanted more detail on what this represents.
Consider adding example existing parks to each park type.
 - ii. [DRAFT Trail Prioritization Criteria](#)

OSTAC Small Group Discussion - Pete led the group discussion with OSTAC and obtained following feedback:
Rena, how do you score "Equity" and what does it mean?
Kristan, this was difficult to determine, but the Denver Regional Council of Governments has put a lot of time and effort into this measurement for the region. Our Trails Criteria incorporates measurement. The DRCOG information is also being used for all CCOB Capital Improvement Project ratings so it made sense to include this same measurement with the Trails Criteria. We found that Broomfield does not have many projects that scored an 8 on their scale, which is why we have 5 and above grouped together.
Michael, can we put gradation into the categories that are now "Yes or No", category 1 (Environmental Impact Reduction) and 4 (Barrier Elimination)
Kristan, how do you think we should handle it?
Michael, maybe could determine the level of impact, come up with criteria that fits each level of that scale.
TK, for some of the elements within the category of environmental impact reduction, you may be able to quantitatively assess them, such as fragmentation, such that could help you have more gradation in the assessment
Kristan, need to make sure that it is relatively simple to apply and we will look to TK to let us know how this might be handled.
Michelle, there may be some distinctions that we can make within the Environmental Impact Reduction category. We can see if it solves a current problem or stops a new problem from starting.
Mike, does category 7, the key public service connectivity, also include grocery stores?

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Lexi, it would be useful to include retail as well, including grocery stores. We can look into what all is included in this category as we want to make sure that it captures any time of errands / commute that someone would make.

Scott, why does connect to open lands get more points than connect to retail?

Kristan, a majority of funding for the trails comes from the Open Space and Sales Use Tax so tying the expenditures from this fund to open space related goals and sites is necessary, this is why this type of trail has a higher point scale; however this is not to say that connections to commercial areas are not important and at times a trail can serve both open space purposes and provide a commercial/public service trail link; Scott, can we add points to give more weight to category 7, key public service connectivity?

Kristan, yes.

Alexis, how is Industrial Lane going to be divided?

Kristan, a new pathway is being created separated from Industrial Lane for bikes and pedestrians. The trail width is 12 feet but in some locations had to be slightly less wide to accommodate existing improvements.

Rena, Is this criteria for all trails? Is it from all city funds?

Kristan, it is for all trails but we have our own source of funding for trails not built by developers.

Rena, should we add point values so that we can rank higher trails that we expect developers to build?

Kristan, our intent here is to apply the trail criteria to all trails on our missing links map and for those trails that end up being in a development project-the scoring just helps to emphasize the importance of the developer building the trail; also, in a lot of cases, it may be hard for us to discern if a developer is going to be the group building the trail-especially in the northeast area of Broomfield, for example.

General discussion of types of pedestrian and cyclist commuters, Pete will send out a percentage breakdown of the types of bikers that came from the Broomfield Bike-Pedestrian Study to OSTAC members.

- Missing Links Trails Map
 - i. Pete shared the Missing Links Map
 - ii. Approximately 40 missing trail links/connections
 - iii. Trail Criteria will help prioritize missing links for future (CIP) for completion

Ryan reported out a summary of the results from the park criteria map break out discussion, which included making sure that the criteria can be understood by a more general audience and clarifying some of the park categories.

Michael reported out the summary of trail criteria map from the break out discussion:

1. Add gradation for category 1 and 4
2. Add retail and other commuting-related connections to category 7
3. Re-evaluate category 7 to see if more points should be added to rank these higher

- Next Steps
 - i. Michelle discussed next steps. Next Joint Meeting May 4, 2023 - Changed from 4/27
- Scott - Is this refresh going to be added to the current plan or will it replace the 2005 plan?
- Michelle - It will be a new version
- Rochelle - How many years out will the future needs be projected for?
- Michelle - approximately to 2040

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Doug asked for a motion to adjourn; Stacey motioned, it was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. Minutes were prepared by Angela Kochevar.