



Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee

*Minutes
April 25, 2019*

Meeting Summary

OSTAC was presented with an update on the Urban Prairies Project from Amy Yarger with Butterfly Pavilion. Pete Dunlaevy and Nathan Kelbe gave an overview of prairie dog policy and management updates from the last year, and citizens provided comments on this topic. Finally, OSTAC received updates on the Baseline sign program, new municipal codes involving drone usage, cleanup at Alexx & Michael's Pond with Centennial Elementary, Rocky Mountain Greenway sampling, Extraction Oil and Gas developments, and upcoming Open Space events.

OSTAC (Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee)

Present:

Patrick Tennyson, Chair
Ray Churgovich, Vice-Chair
Doug Grumann
Terra Lenihan
Michael McLane (phoned in)
Chris Kassel (alternate)
Councilmember Guyleen Castriotta

Absent:

Todd Cohen
Chris Petrizzo
Councilmember Stan Jezierski

Interested Citizens:

Jeremy Gregory, Longmont resident
Nicole Huntley, Broomfield resident
Deb Jones, Broomfield
Gustavo Lozada, Broomfield
Mary Montrey, Broomfield resident
Michael Smith, Broomfield resident
Susan Honeycutt, Boulder resident
Walt Kramer, Nederland resident that works in Broomfield
Sheree Seabury, Erie resident
Eider (last name not provided), Superior resident

Other staff, presenters, and consultants in attendance:

Kristan Pritz, Open Space and Trails Director
Pete Dunlaevy, Open Space and Trails Manager
Ellie Lanaghan, Open Space and Trails Technician
Kevin Standbridge, Deputy City and County Manager
Nathan Kelbe, Open Space & Noxious Weed Coordinator
Amy Yarger, Horticulture Director with Butterfly Pavilion

Agenda Minutes

1. Call to Order by Patrick Tennyson 6:01 p.m.

2. Introduction of Interested Citizens

All interested citizens introduced themselves to the OSTAC committee. Mary Montrey made comments on how she has lived in Broomfield for five or six years and is concerned about the level of development currently occurring across Broomfield. Patrick thanked Mary for her comments.

3. Update on the Urban Prairies Project with Butterfly Pavilion

Amy Yarger gave an overview of the Urban Prairies Project's (UPP) work in 2018 and plans for 2019. She explained that UPP launched in 2016 because of a collaborative relationship with Broomfield, and the staff and residents that care about open space and habitat restoration. This partnership continues to build capacity for more habitat restoration. Amy added that UPP has become more than planting cottonwoods, but has grown to be about getting the community involved in restoration and the lives of our open spaces. UPP is supported by both Broomfield and Westminster, with interest in expanding programs in Boulder and Lafayette. UPP has found that one of the key ways to impact the community is to train Restoration Master Volunteers, who go through 25 hours of training in their first year along with additional trainings and 25 hours of shadowing a veteran volunteer. Restoration Masters learn about wildlife and plants, how to create a restoration plan, weed management, revegetation, public speaking, crew leadership, and ultimately become ambassadors for open space. UPP currently has 36 active volunteers, with the majority being Broomfield residents. Students from Legacy High School along with Wildlands Restoration Volunteers have also been working at Plaster Reservoir and McKay Lake on continued restoration efforts to remove raven grass and start the McKay pollinator garden. This ongoing relationship between UPP and the Environmental Club students has been invaluable and has even inspired many to go into fields related to science. UPP also received a grant from Colorado Tree Coalition to restore a pond in the Skystone neighborhood where the residents engaged in replantings, earning Skystone certification as a Wildlife Habitat Community by the National Wildlife Federation. UPP volunteers also conduct monitoring of butterflies, dragonflies, native bees, herons at Metzger Farm, soil health, and even use quadrats to assess the effectiveness of goat weeding at Standley Lake. UPP volunteers put in 180 hours of monitoring time in 2019 and help with community outreach such as events like Broomfield Trails Day. UPP depends on all of these partnerships as it is a long term project that takes a village. Amy expressed her gratitude for Broomfield's staff and residents that have added so much value to UPP.

>Doug, Are you doing any work north of Highway 7?

>Amy, Not yet, but I think there will be opportunities for us to work up there in the future. Every year we get together with the different Open Space departments and focus on priorities.

>Kristan, I agree that this is something we could pursue.

>Terra, This is an amazing program. My teammates and I really appreciate it.

>Sheree, I went through the Restoration Master course and I just want to put a plug in for Amy and her team because it's a great program.

>Walt, Thank you for all of this work to restore our open spaces!

4. Prairie Dog Management Updates

Pete explained that two years ago the Open Space department was prompted by several different prairie dog management action items, including: lethal control practices and management, fines and penalties for policy violations, plague management and vaccination study, review of the Great Western Prairie Dog

Relocation Site, review of alternative prairie dog relocation sites, vegetation research and surveys, prairie dog education and outreach, ongoing research, regional coordination, and best management practices. Pete then reviewed the purpose and goals of the Prairie Dog Conservation Policy and explained that this policy applies to the whole city and county, on both private and public lands. Staff have continued pushing to get away from aluminum phosphide and move towards pressurized carbon monoxide for lethal control under a pro-forma permit. The policy does not allow for the extermination of prairie dogs on an established colony. There are some cases where lethal control still requires the use of carbon monoxide cartridges or aluminum phosphide if the truck cannot access a specific area. Previously, the penalties for violations to the policy did not have strong penalties. Staff have also tried to address this issue, and that fine has been bumped from \$1,000 to \$2,650 for a misdemeanor violation.

- >Kristan, This penalty would apply to all violations across the municipal code.
- >Ray, You can't raise one code more than the other, which is why it is across the board.
- >Kristan, The fine is per violation, Pete will go into the details of multiple violations.
- >Kevin, The \$2,650 maximum for a single charge comes from a state statute.

Pete explained that a citation for a single violation is subject to the judge's determination and that the policy will be followed for a relocation or wildlife recovery of the prairie dogs, and the endowment fee would be paid in addition to the fine. This outcome would be for a violation where a relocation is still an option. With citations for issues where the policy can no longer be followed, such as a colony that was completely graded over, multiple violation fines would be applicable and a payment into the prairie dog endowment fund. This system allows for higher fines, the potential for multiple violations, and payment to the endowment fund estimated by the acreage for the lethal control fee. These violations also require a municipal court appearance.

Pete went on to give an update on the Great Western relocation site. He explained that the permitted relocation area has been filling in, and showed a map of the colony from the end of 2018. The new quarterly report from Smith addresses habitat concerns, with some decline in the population since December but expecting a strong bounce back after the breeding season. Pete added that vegetation management on the site is ongoing, and that the latest quarterly report found the colony to have a healthy population with low densities that are good for habitat, vegetation, and future growth. 500 prairie dogs were relocated to the site in 2018, and appear to be doing well. The next population estimate for the site will be in July. Smith continues to administer Delta dust on the town to kill fleas that could carry plague, and any capture sites are also dusted before relocation can occur. Staff have also continued to coordinate with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) on the potential vaccination options for plague. These products are still in the research phase and not available to Broomfield yet. But if it does become available it is something we will look into with CPW.

Pete added that moving forward, staff are planning for more development and prairie dog relocations in the future. Pete explained that the current prairie dog habitat on public land is up to 264 preserved acres. Great Western is currently close to, or at, capacity. Staff also have to reapply for a relocation permit to the site and are unsure about getting approval from the state considering the current population levels. Staff are looking into a potential expansion of the relocation boundary at Great Western and the possibility of relocations to the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. The latter would require approval from CPW, Jefferson County (Jeffco), and USFWS. Expanding the boundary at Great Western would need to stay 1,000 feet away from the Reservoir due to potential expansion and the floodplain, but 10-15 acres could be added if approved. It is also possible that prairie dogs could move into those areas during the breeding season.

- >Kristan, Council would need to approve the expansion as well.
- >Pete, Since we are our own county, we are not able to bring prairie dogs across county lines without the County Commissioners' approval. We have other possible relocation sites that could be used in Broomfield, but there is an extensive state approval process for prairie dog relocation sites. Nordstrom Open Space

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could be used in the future, but that would have to wait until after the oil and gas work is done there. There are also possibilities on private property in northern Broomfield.

>Doug, What about The Field and Metzger Farm?

>Kristan, Those open spaces are too close to property owners and we are not considering those as an option because of the anticipated conflicts with residents.

>Pete, The Broomfield County Commons only allows prairie dogs within the 35 acre preserve to leave room for other land uses.

Nate gave an overview of the revegetation study plots across different prairie dog colonies. He explained how he sat down with Amy Yarger and Pam Wanek to create a specialized mixture of forbs and grasses to establish in prairie dog colonies. The study involves quarter-acre survey sites at County Commons, Lac Amora, and Great Western. They set up plots with only forbs, only grass, and a mix of both to compare with the rest of the unaltered town. Nate explained that when they were coming up with the seed mixes, they were at the whim of what is produced commercially. There are native plants out there that do survive in colonies but they are hard to get ahold of. Seed collection is possible, but very tough to do with such small plants and tiny seeds. The plots were placed in February of 2018 with summer rains and now a wet winter and spring. Nothing has come up yet but the seed is still there. It may take years for the seed to pop up as some restoration work at The Field took 5-10 years to yield results, and these sites are also working against prairie dog feeding. Nate added that they tried to pick low growing plants because prairie dogs tend to mow down vegetation above their site line. Staff will continue to monitor the plots twice a year to see what is and what isn't growing in the area.

>Doug, Would you be basing future restoration work on the results of this study?

>Nate, We are still continuing with restoration efforts throughout open spaces, not just in prairie dog colonies. If we do have future restoration project on active colonies, I would base our efforts on this study and other studies that have been done.

>Doug, Could we get an overview of how well the vegetation is doing at Great Western with the growing prairie dog population out there?

>Nate, The Commons and Great Western were only half full a few years ago with the wet cycle. The vegetation that is currently alive at the Commons is nonnative weeds, like hoary cress. The prairie dogs do help with some of the weeds at Great Western. They will clip down dalmatian toadflax. We have been using a lot of methods to control weeds, but they tend to do well in disturbed areas. It is difficult to keep encroaching nonnatives out while still having vegetation on the colony. We don't want to knock out all of the vegetation in the habitat.

>Pete, Great Western has good vegetative cover, but they are mostly nonnative plants.

>Nate, There are also some native species mixed in, but this changes year to year. With a wet spring we can have penstemon out there. With prairie plants, they really ramp up and come out in wet years, and in dry years they stay dormant.

Pete went on to explain that staff have also been pushing education and community outreach. Open Space and Trails had 47 different outreach and education events in 2018, with over 5,000 participants in all. Broomfield Nature Program does interpretive classes and walks, the Wildlife Masters answer community questions at booths and from their help line, and staff placed informational kiosks at McKay Lake Park and the Tom Frost trailhead. Both have information specifically about prairie dogs. Staff are also pursuing ongoing research and coordination with other agencies regarding prairie dog management. Broomfield will be leading a prairie dog roundtable at COSA, reestablishing the Front Range Prairie Dog Working Group, and will continue learning from the National Wildlife Research Center in Fort Collins and the Boulder Prairie Dog Working Group.

>Gustavo, I work for the Nature Conservancy, and I am wondering if you did any soil preparation for the restoration you have tried on the colonies?

>Nate, We decided to not do anything to the soil on the colonies due to the amount that would be needed to cover a town, and we wanted to base this study on what we would actually do in practice. 35 acres for

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soil restoration is unfortunately too much. We are missing that organic layer on much of our soil and it has degraded over time from overuse, changes in habitat, and different practices that were not conducive to holding that soil in. We would have to base our study on what is actually existing on the landscape.

>Pete, For our research purposes, we tried to see what could survive without organic matter and irrigation.

>Nate, We could try a plot with the necessary amount of organic material needed.

>Nicole, Are there any active relocation sites in Broomfield currently?

>Pete, None are currently active. We have completed what we could do for the Hoyt-Midway site, North Park site, and United Power site at 160th and Sheridan. Our relocation permit from the state was set to expire and already extended to March. We have begun talking with Colorado Parks and Wildlife for a new permit at Great Western, and are seeing if we can get approval for relocation to Rocky Flats. There were very few prairie dogs left on the United Power site, but we are required to perform lethal control on those remaining to complete the relocation. This has not happened at the Hoyt-Midway site yet.

>Walt, Who is the contract biologist for these projects?

>Pete, Matt Strauser from Smith Environmental. He has been coordinating the relocations to Great Western and preparing quarterly status reports.

>Walt, Would it be possible to use a biologist that is not associated with prairie dog killings? It seems to set up an inherent conflict of interest. Wouldn't it be better to work with prairie dog advocacy groups to determine new sites? It might be good to seek citizen input for updates to policy. I am interested in what type of feedback you would get. Does it make sense to use so many acres of open space for alfalfa crops? Is there any opportunity to revisit some classifications for open space uses?

>Pete, We do work with local experts such as Pam Wanek and the Butterfly Pavilion. The vast majority of money spent with Smith is on relocations. The company makes much more money on relocations than exterminations.

>Kristan, When we were developing the plans for the County Commons and The Field, there was great discussion over prairie dogs and where they should be allowed. The two most popular options were to keep the farming because people enjoy seeing it as part of Broomfield's history, and others wanted restoration to native prairie grasses. There was not support for more acreage of prairie dog colonies. But we could potentially have more discussion on this with OSTAC and other members of the community.

>Walt, Conditions are only getting worse out there for them and there is nowhere for them to go. Maybe public support has changed.

>Gustavo, Alfalfa fields would be perfect to restore with native vegetation.

>Kristan, We will be updating the OSTAC Master Plan soon and using a community survey with some questions on this would be helpful to everybody. The Prairie Dog Policy had a lot of different groups involved with differing perspectives, and tonight we have prairie dog supporters. It would be interesting to see what opinions are currently across Broomfield.

>Gustavo, I have seen a big change from 10 years ago in how people feel towards prairie dogs.

>Walt, Thank you to everyone who works and volunteers here. I know there are not always easy answers. The community surveys seem like a good idea. Our American serengeti used to have great biodiversity in this habitat, and it's now a tiny remnant of what was a once great ecosystem. Reallocating some of the agricultural use to native prairie would be enriching to many different species.

>Deb, When you are doing the survey, you should say prairie ecosystem instead of prairie dog habitat.

Because people turn off when they read prairie dogs. This is bigger than the prairie dog. Everything we do goes back to restoring the whole picture.

>Kristan, The survey will cover a lot of different open space topics. It wouldn't just be prairie dogs, but questions on that topic could be helpful.

>Susan, My question is, doesn't the city of Broomfield do RFPs for contracts. I know when I set a relocation job, my goal is always to capture 100%. That's where I see a difference between us and Smith. No prairie dog would run into the traps that I have seen. They just throw the traps out there and do not attend them.

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>Kristan, Do you know that this is a Smith site that you saw? I don't think they would do something like that.

>Susan, I don't know but the traps I saw were not even baited appropriately. We would like to be given the chance to bid for the next relocation.

>Kristan, We would be happy to get application from you, but my understanding is that CPW requires extermination after every relocation to ensure none are left. In the past, we did pay for an advocacy group to do a relocation. We thought we had understanding on the timing with them, but had a difficult time getting the person to move off of the site. That was a direct experience we had. When we had Deb doing the work, we had some great relocations at the County Commons and she was a pleasure to work with.

>Deb, We have had the same experience working with this particular individual.

>Susan, It depends on the way the group is set up. Volunteer group is a misnomer. We won the bid because we were a nonprofit and able to come in and win every contract. It can just depend on the volunteer group that your working with.

>Nicole, Could you give us an update on the Midway and Lowell site?

>Pete, The developer is moving slowly, but we should be relocating the prairie dogs by the fall. Our own property had a number of conflicts with landowners and complaints from residents who have had prairie dogs in their yard. We will be doing a relocation on our property at the end of the pupping season to Great Western or Rocky Flats. We would like to do the whole area together, but there is also a third landowner that needs to be brought to the table. We have been pleading with the developer to move up the work.

>Deb, I have spoken with the Applewood developer to get a population count with pups. We will be doing that soon and can count your property too. Dave Lucas with Rocky Flats is excited about relocating there and we have a permit all ready to go for this, but they won't take it until Jeffco opens the relocation application online. We have also been told that Jeffco will have an application fee.

>Kristan, I will be talking with Kevin more about Rocky Flats, and we want to make sure that it is in the City Manager's report. The issue of contamination was a topic of discussion at the City Council meeting on Tuesday night, and we do not want to get out of step with City Council on how they want to address the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

>Deb, Rocky Flats has a place for our prairie dogs, we just have to jump through all of the hoops. Can we do passive relocation from people's property to reduce conflict?

>Pete, The parcel we own is so small that I'm not sure it would be effective, but we can talk.

>Walt, The collaboration you have with Amy Yarger in Westminster could mean there is an opportunity to relocate there.

>Pete, That would be crossing county lines and I can't imagine we would get approval for that. We have never had success with having another county taking relocated prairie dogs.

>Ray, If the prairie dogs went to Rocky Flats, is there colony currently there or will they need to dig their own burrows?

>Pete, There are some prairie dogs out there already. But we do prepare the site before bringing them over. At Great Western, we use retention cages placed over a burrow to give them a home.

>Deb, I can send you a flyer of what relocations look like, so you can have that.

>Walt, I still think companies like Smith have a conflict of interest.

>Doug, I think Smith is not participating in the decision process for how many prairie dogs to relocate. It's not obvious to me that they are making decisions that they would profit from.

>Pete, We make those decisions, and we wouldn't work with someone who was operating that way. Matt Strauser was going to come tonight, but had to deal with an illness. He is an impressive biologist who cares about prairie dogs and wildlife.

>Kristan, One of the things I look for is a biologist with strong character, who can tell a client that they won't do something due to environmental concerns, which I have seen Matt do.

>Doug, I am thankful that staff is open to bids from other groups.

>Kristan, We can only sign contracts that meet our insurance and timeline needs. We will not tolerate misconduct. If those needs can be met, then we can consider other groups.

>Nicole, How can we submit proposals for a bid?

>Kristan, We typically send out an email pool. It is a different process from development contracts, as these are considered more service projects.

>Pete, Most relocations have been private and we can reach out to them directly.

>Walt, It is reassuring for me to hear what you have said about the Smith biologist.

>Ray, So with these projects there is an initial relocation and final lethal control for private property. Can we expand that timeline for public land projects? Can we go back and trap again? We have much more control, but within reason so as to not lose the contract. We have done changes and extensions four times and flushing. The event center parking lot was another one where there was continued trapping for two months.

>Kevin, We do have financial liabilities that we are constrained by.

>Ray, With the Hoyt-Midway site where we are putting in a trail, can't we just clear the area where construction will be rather than across the whole site?

>Pete, Part of the land-use agreement with Hunter Douglas was for us to trap the entire site.

>Terra, I am impressed by the staff's hard work and effort to collaborate and educate the community. And I'd like to thank everyone here for their passion and values.

>Guyleen, You guys go above and beyond to preserve this wildlife.

>Michael, On the outbreak of plague that we have had at Great Western, is there any difference in the rate of survival from plague in the future?

>Pete, We feel that the plague did not reach every prairie dog on the site, such as in pockets removed from the central area. There is no theory that some prairie dogs survived it.

>Patrick, We are fortunate to have staff here at Broomfield that listen to the community and I really like the idea for the survey questions. It is very innovative.

5. Baseline/North Park Sign Program Amendment Project

Kristan shared the proposed trail signs for the Baseline development. She explained that there will be a major project identification sign along State Highway 7 with steel with lighting inserted and weaving in native plants. The developer is proposing concrete pillars for the trail signs. Staff is asking that they incorporate the Broomfield logo so that citizens know these are public trails and we would like to see the use of the blue color scheme that reflects the CCOB trail sign program for the major trails so that they are easily identified with our other trail signs. We have also asked if the sign program can include an information kiosk with wayfinding and natural resources. We are open to creativity, but also want to make sure our branding is incorporated and recognized by the public.

>Doug, If possible, I would like to see the larger signs with room for a wayfinding map included.

>Terra, Can we make sure information on downloading the trails web map is included on these signs?

>Pete, We can certainly do that.

6. Proposed Revisions to the Current Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (aka Drones) Provision

Kristan explained that Clay Shuck, the Director of Recreation and Senior Services, has been working on language with IT for a provision in the City Code regarding drones. The current language states that model airplanes will not be permitted in any park, except at specifically designated locations and posted by Director of Recreation and Senior Services. There will be certain circumstances where they will be allowed, such as for emergencies or research. Drones can be very helpful and are allowed by other communities. Our recommendation is that there are no drones permitted in open space, unless for emergency or research-related purposes that are designated by the Director of Open Space and Trails. The language was originally written when parks included open space.

>Kevin, How will people know if they are on open space or park? I don't want people to be bounced around to different people if they do not know. Let's discuss this more.

>Doug, I don't think people will consider their drone a model airplane.

>Kristan, We are changing the language to be more broad as well.

>Michael, When you say drones and unmanned aircraft, does that include model airplanes?

>Kristan, The definition will encompass all different uses.

>Kevin, The term "public safety" should probably be used rather than "emergency".

>Doug, Are we going to allow more areas for drones to be used, such as Metzger Farm, in order to meet public demand and reduce illegal use?

>Patrick, They are not going away, people are getting more and more of them.

>Kevin, Other communities have thought this through and we should refer to their research too.

>Terra, This topic could be another good survey question for the Open Space, Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan update.

>Kristan, Would you prefer for this to come back to you when it is finished in June?
OSTAC agreed they would like to see the refined language again.

>Ray, I don't know how the public is going to know where they can and can't fly their drones.

>Guyleen, There's a license requirement, but who's enforcing that?

>Ray, Does the city have any type of fines for disturbing wildlife? Not drone specific, but could be used for this issue.

>Kristan, There is a specific section in the code prohibiting disturbance to wildlife on public property.

7. Review and Approval of the March 28, 2019 OSTAC Meeting Minutes

Michael motioned to approve the minutes; Ray seconds; Minutes were passed unanimously.

8. OSTAC Updates

- **Centennial Elementary Cleanup at Alexx & Michael's Pond**

Pete explained that the cleanup on April 23 with 4th graders from Centennial Elementary went really well. About 60 students were there and picked up about 25 bags full of trash. The weather was perfect and the students were very enthusiastic. The students also did a project with the Broomfield Open Space Foundation and Open Space and Trails Department to figure out ways to engage families to enjoy the open space more at Alexx & Michael's Pond. The students created a notebook describing wildlife and the history of the pond. They also filled backpacks with binoculars, compass and other items so children could rent out the backpacks and use them at the pond to learn about the open space. The Broomfield Open Space Foundation provided money for the backpacks and items.

- **Rocky Mountain Greenway**

Kristan shared that there was a full house at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 23, with lots of comments regarding the Rocky Mountain Greenway and soil sampling. Another discussion is expected to happen with other groups being able to present.

>Guyleen, You did get enough consensus to move forward with the trail soil sampling.

- **Extraction Oil and Gas Updates**

Kristan explained that Extraction Oil and Gas (Extraction) conducted some testing to remove the existing well at Nordstrom Open Space and found contamination underneath the tanks, though this is not uncommon with old wells. They are in the process of relocating the contaminated dirt to the Erie landfill and filling the remaining hole with clean dirt. The site is completely under construction in that area. On Tuesday night, April 23, staff received an email stating that burrowing owls had been detected on private property near the well northeast of Huron and 160th (Webber site), but the owls are further away than 150 feet (CO Parks and Wildlife buffer guideline). We are asking Extraction to monitor the owls twice a week to watch where they are located in relation to the site. Prairie dogs were relocated before work began on the site.

>Doug, Do we have a policy for informing the private landowners of the presence of owls?

>Kristan, We have talked with them, and they are aware that the owls are protected.

Kristan went on to explain that the Webber site will eventually be used by Extraction for several large tanks of water to store for construction work. There is also another well north of 160th and east of Sheridan with contamination. This well is on private property and is being removed and cleaned up. The great horned owl near the work off of Sheridan has one chick and is being monitored by a biologist. There are also two nesting red-tailed hawk pairs near Extraction work that are incubating. The raptors are appearing to be resilient to the construction in the area.

- Upcoming Events

Ellie presented the upcoming Open Space events:

- Aspen Creek Elementary 2nd Grade Field Trip with Broomfield Nature Program
 - Monday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Metzger Farm
- Kids' Fishing Derby
 - Saturday, May 4 from 8-11 a.m. at Tom Frost Reservoir
- Lac Amora Flora Field Trip with Broomfield Open Space Foundation
 - Saturday, May 18 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lac Amora trailhead
- Broomfield Trail Adventure, BioBlitz, and B-100 Kickoff
 - Saturday, June 1 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Flatirons Marketplace

>Ray, Has the site for the Trail Adventure been confirmed?

>Pete, Yes.

>Doug, The two ponds along the trail will be hard to access for the BioBlitz.

>Ellie, We will not be letting people down to the water, but having them view birds from the sidewalk with binoculars.

9. Other Topics as Desired by OSTAC

>Guyleen, Are we planning to reschedule our meeting with the Parks and Rec Advisory Committee?

>Kristan, Yes. The Master Plan will require more discussion with them as well.

>Ray, Is there anything between now and June for development review?

>Kevin, There aren't any large residential areas that are coming up.

>Kristan, Vive in Via Varra will be in June. We are working with their biologist for a review of the eagle protections program. I am encouraging the developer to follow similar protocols to what Broomfield Business Center did.

No other topics were desired by OSTAC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by Ellie Lanaghan.