



Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee

*Minutes
April 28, 2022*

Meeting Summary

OSTAC members went on a site visit to the Midway/Rock Creek Trail underpass area, reviewed proposed Capital Improvement Program projects, selected members to serve on a subcommittee for the Open Space, Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan, approved the minutes, and reviewed the list of upcoming events.

OSTAC (Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee)

Present:

Michael McLane, Chair
Renaë Stavros, Vice-Chair
Chris Petrizzo
Dave Holmstrom
Teng Keng (TK) Vang
Alexis Sweet
Scott Whitmore
Patrick Tennyson (left at 8 p.m. for previous commitment)
Councilmember Todd Cohen
Mayor Pro-tem Stan Jezierski

Absent:

N/A

Interested Citizens:

Roxie Juul

Other staff, presenters, and consultants in attendance:

Kristan Pritz, Open Space and Trails Director
Peter Deunlaevy, Open Space and Trails Manager
Jack Pritchard, Open Space and Trails Specialist
Lexi Brewer, Open Space and Trails Technician
Beverly Burbach, Open Space and Trails Administrative Analyst
Ed Thompson, Capital Improvement Project Manager
Kelly Behling, Capital Improvement Project Manager
Sarah Grant, Transportation Manager

Agenda Minutes

- 1. Call to Order by Michael McLane, 6:00 p.m. for the tour and 7:46 p.m. for meeting.**
Michael called the meeting to order and welcomed any members from the public. Michael started the meeting with a land acknowledgement and introduction.
- 2. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda**
None.
- 3. Site Visit to Midway Boulevard and Rock Creek Regional Trail to Review Potential Trail Crossing Locations (Vicinity of the RTD Park and Ride located at 5000 West Midway Boulevard)**

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4. Review [Boards and Commissions Member Conduct Policy](#); [Broomfield Municipal Code: Chapter 7-20 Ethics Code](#); [OSTAC Bylaws](#)

Kristan Pritz gave an overview of the aforementioned documents, explaining the importance of each for the committee.

Chris, does replying to the group in an email make it a discussion instead of a comment?

Kristan, providing comments on a development project for example to all of OSTAC creates Open Meeting issues. In this example, it is best to send the comment directly to staff. We are trying to avoid this type of situation where we are having a group review of a topic as much as possible.

Ranae, with regards to the youth council member if you run into them outside of the meeting does that cause an issue?

Kristan, Not if you inadvertently see a youth member. The intent is not to be alone with a youth member to keep them safe.

Chris, will we have a youth member?

Kristan, we would like to have one, but this year we did not get any applicants. In fact, I don't believe that any of our boards received applications from youth to serve. This was unfortunate as the perspective from youth representatives is so helpful.

5. Review Capital Improvement Project Updates:

Pete Dunlaevy, Kristan Pritz, and Jack Pritchard gave the committee an overview of the 2023 Proposed Projects.

- Legends to Crofton Park Trail - \$TBD
 - Chris, what is the status of the Prairie Dogs on the adjacent land to the north?
 - Pete, we are in a holding pattern at this point. They are currently doing passive relocation to keep the prairie dogs out of the neighborhood. If the property is developed we would look at active relocation.
- Open Space -Grassland Restoration - \$100,000
- Airport Creek Underpass/Old Wadsworth Trail to Uptown Ave./112th Ave. - \$TBD
- Yates/Kabert Property to Sheridan Blvd. Trail Feasibility Study - \$74,100
- Open Space, Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan - \$100,000
- Aspen Street Crossing - \$55,000
- Open Space and Trails Signage - \$125,000

It was noted that for 2024, the Harmer Open Space Management Plan, Wildgrass Underpass at the Northwest Parkway, and the Broomfield Trail from Lowell to Spruce Meadows are proposed. However, the timetable for all of these projects are under review by Finance and the City Manager's Office and are also not yet approved by City Council through the budget process.

Scott, my question is about the survey for OSPRT (Open Space, Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan), is it just one survey or several?

Kristan, it will just be one.

Scott, the one we took last month was not our survey, can we take it again?

Kristan, yes that was just a test, please take it again.

Scott, is the survey 1 per household?

Kristan, it is open to everyone, so if you have four members in your household-they could each take a survey. We have about 202 surveys as of now, but we would like close to 1000 so please encourage everyone you know to take the survey.

Chris, when does the survey end?

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Kristan, June 25th, but please complete it as soon as possible.

Ranae, I haven't seen it posted at the HOAs

Beverly, I can send you verbiage on what to pass along to them so you can ask your HOA directly to post the survey link.

6. Select OSTAC Sub-Committee Representatives for the Open Space, Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan Refresh (three members requested):

Kristan elaborated on the need for a sub committee. This committee will be looking at things like draft narratives, proposed recommendations, drawings, etc and will not require too much of a time commitment.

Michael, Ranae, Chris and TK volunteered. OSTAC supported these three members being on the subcommittee.

7. Review and Approval of the March 24, 2022 Joint OSTAC/ PRSSAC Meeting Minutes and OSTAC Meeting Minutes

Ranae motioned to approve the Joint OSTAC/PRSSAC March 24, 2022 minutes; Chris seconds; Minutes were approved unanimously.

Ranae motioned to approve the OSTAC March 24, 2022 minutes; Chris seconds; Minutes were approved unanimously.

8. OSTAC Updates

Events

Jack discussed the following events:

- Talon Talk, May 7th, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Raptor Management Plan + Open Space, Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan Refresh Outreach. Co-sponsored with the Broomfield Open Space Foundation
- Broomfield Trail Adventure, June 4th at Anthem Community Park
- Broomfield 100, June 4th Kickoff and Conclusion on Broomfield Days in September
- Bike to Work Day, June 22nd at Interlocken East Park
- Brewhaha, June 18th at Arista

No May Meeting

Jack reiterated that there will not be a meeting in May.

Wildlife

Jack spoke to the committee about Wildlife Masters and gave an overview of what they do as well as giving an update on the wildlife in Broomfield this Spring.

Kathy's Karts

Pete let the committee know about the program and its upcoming events at Broomfield County Commons that allow for guided tours of the open space for people with limited mobility.

Other topics as requested by Citizens

Roxie, at the Shelly's Garden Center there was an encounter with a raccoon and it was responded to with attempts to chase it. I think that the owners of those businesses should probably be aware of how to handle wildlife.

Pete, we can deliver some of our wildlife coexistence information to the business.

9. Other Topics as Desired by OSTAC

Michael, there is a foundation in Broomfield called the Broomfield Open Space Foundation. They do a lot for our community and would like to have representatives from the OSTAC committee join as a liaison between

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the two committees. Is there anyone who would like to do this? If someone is interested please contact Kristan.

Closing with April Quotation and Photograph

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Minutes were prepared by Beverly Burbach.