



## Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee

*Minutes  
June 9, 2021*

### **Joint Meeting Summary**

The OSAC Superior Committee and the Broomfield OSTAC Committee met to discuss relevant issues involving both communities. The meeting focused on trail connectivity between the two municipalities and sharing insight and relevant resources on wildlife management (specifically prairie dogs).

### **Broomfield OSTAC (Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee)**

Present:

Terra Lenihan, Chair  
Ray Churgovich, Vice-Chair  
Michael McLane  
Chris Petrizzo  
Todd Cohen  
Patrick Tennyson  
Renaë Stavros  
Councilmember Liz Law-Evans  
Councilmember Stan Jezierski

Absent:

Nathan Kral (Excused)  
Ryan Gelston (Excused)

### **Superior OSAC (Open Space Advisory Committee)**

Present:

Ryan Welch, Chair  
Joel White  
Tracy Koller  
Amber Greves  
Rainer Kunz  
Frank Parker  
Tracey Bain  
Trustee Neal Shah

Interested Citizens:

None

Other staff, presenters, and consultants in attendance:

Kristan Pritz, Open Space and Trails Director, City and County of Broomfield  
Pete Dunlaevy, Open Space and Trails Manager, City and County of Broomfield  
Jack Pritchard, Open Space and Trails Specialist, City and County of Broomfield  
Beverly Burbach, Open Space and Trails Administrative Analyst, City and County of Broomfield  
Allison James, Management Analyst II, Town of Superior

## Agenda Minutes

### **1. Call to Order by Superior OSAC Chair, 6:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order and welcomed any citizens from the public. Zoom meeting tips and virtual etiquette were reviewed. Superior introduced and welcomed the Broomfield OSTAC team.

### **2. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda**

None

### **3. Coyote Ridge, Planning and Next Steps**

Ryan Welch introduced the Coyote Ridge property. He gave background on the purchase of this property and explained their next steps in securing funding for development planning. The goal is to complete trail development and a property management plan within the next couple of years. Kristan Pritz continued the conversation with discussion of the possible trail connections to current Broomfield trails (Ryan Welch shared that there are an estimated 3+ miles of social trails currently on the site). The Committees discussed ideas for possible formal trail development, trailhead locations (along 128) and connections to Broomfield property to the south as well as regional connectivity beyond. The idea of connecting to the potential trails at Great Western, the St. Francis social trail, etc. were discussed as positive options.

### **4. Superior Trail Connecting to Broomfield's Miners Park and Varra Park**

Ryan Welch discussed the development of a cyclist trail through Superior from U.S. 36 to Miners Park. This will be a continuation of the U.S. 36 bikeway, allowing trail users to connect further within Superior and into Broomfield Open Space at Miners Park and Varra Park. Construction is set to begin in Fall 2021. Pete Dunlaevy highlighted the opportunity for future trail connections for Town of Superior residents to Boulder County Open Space along the Rock Creek Trail through Broomfield. Broomfield staff also noted the potential trail connection with the Redtail Ridge project in Louisville.

### **5. Prairie Dogs**

The property on the corner of 88th and U.S. 36 may be developed soon; there is a Prairie Dog colony located there. The Superior OSAC committee asked for Broomfield's background and experience with creating a policy and implementing it in the management of Prairie Dog colonies. Pete Dunlaevy discussed the process of creating a Prairie Dog policy, relocation, relocation sites, and the overall existing policies in Broomfield. Pete invited Superior committee members to get involved with future Front Range prairie dog working group meetings, and encouraged them to work with USFWS to explore the potential for relocating colonies to the neighboring Rocky Flats property. Broomfield staff also highlighted the benefits of working with volunteers to manage colonies.

### **6. Other Topics as Desired by OSAC and OSTAC**

Kristan Pritz gave an overview on the routes and plans through the Great Western Reservoir and Open Space Area, and the connection to trails through the Skystone development connecting Broomfield and Westminster Open Space to Superior residents. The Superior OSTAC asked about the potential for acquisition of the land across from Coyote Ridge along 128th. She explained that properties in that area were identified in the 2006 Open Space, Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan. One of the properties is proposed for development.

Members generally agreed that meeting again next year to catch-up on trail projects, particularly Coyote Ridge would be helpful.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. minutes were prepared by Beverly Burbach.