



Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee

*Minutes
June 23, 2022*

Meeting Summary

OSTAC members: 1) went on a site visit to view the buffer between the City and County of Broomfield and Town of Erie related to the Erie and Broomfield Intergovernmental Agreement and to see the the Proposed Water Tank(s) site at 3473 West 152nd Avenue; 2) reviewed the proposed First Amendment to the City and County of Broomfield and Town of Erie Intergovernmental Agreement; 3) received updates on the Midway Multimodal Corridor; 4) approved the minutes; and 5) reviewed the list of upcoming events.

OSTAC (Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee)

Present:

Michael McLane, Chair
Teng Keng (TK) Vang
Alexis Sweet
Scott Whitmore

Absent:

Patrick Tennyson
Councilmember Todd Cohen
Mayor Pro-tem Stan Jezierski
Renaë Stavros, Vice-Chair
Chris Petrizzo
Dave Holmstrom

Interested Citizens:

Roxie Juul
Linda Swain
Chuck Swain
Melissa Mossoni
Christina Blake

Other staff, presenters, and consultants in attendance:

Kristan Pritz, Open Space and Trails Director
Peter Dunlaevy, Open Space and Trails Manager
Lexi Brewer, Open Space and Trails Technician
Beverly Burbach, Open Space and Trails Administrative Analyst

Agenda Minutes

1. Call to Order by Michael McLane, 6:06 p.m. for the tour and 8:21 p.m. for the 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 the Agenda

Melissa, we are concerned about the implementation of the Broomfield Federal Connector Trail Pete, that project is in the long-term CIP plan, but at this time, just preliminary analysis is being done which includes survey work and the development of cost estimates. This project is not currently planned to

move forward, and if it were to be scheduled to proceed in the future, there would be a public process for the neighborhood to review plans, comment, and share concerns with staff.

Melissa, we have some concerns on the signage, increase of crime, access to safe streets and ditch easements. There is a lot that needs to be thought about before this trail proceeds.

Chuck, from our concern this is a family property that has been created with the idea of it staying rural, including no street lights or sidewalks etc. We worked with Broomfield County to keep it rural residential, A1, and to keep the same requirements as in Adams County. Part of this includes no trails, we did put in some horse trails around the property, but horse trails only. The other issue is the crime issue- trails are being used to access houses and large detached barns that house valuable equipment. If you want to have access like this we want police on bikes and horses. I have my papers that document this, it was approved to keep it rural residential. This sentiment is shared by many in the area.

Melissa, we are not anti-trails, but trails will allow public viewing of lots with detached buildings. The violent and property crime increase scares us.

Pete, I will reach out to you after this meeting so we can talk in more detail about the status of this project.

- 3. Site Visit to First Amendment to the City and County of Broomfield and Town of Erie Intergovernmental Agreement areas that include Palisade Park Filing No. 6 Replat A at 780 176th Avenue and properties in the Town of Erie generally to the north of County Road 6 in the vicinity of Carol Drive and the Proposed Water Tank(s) site at 3473 West 152nd Avenue and areas just east of the Trailhead 3353 West 152nd Avenue.**

- 4. Review of the proposed First Amendment to the City and County of Broomfield and Town of Erie Intergovernmental Agreement**

Kristan Pritz gave an overview of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) currently in effect with the Town of Erie. This IGA notes a 300-foot buffer along the annexation line between the two communities. The proposed First Amendment to the City and County of Broomfield and Town of Erie Intergovernmental Agreement (First Amendment) allows for a minimum buffer of 130 feet that extends to over 300 feet along the west side of Palisade 6 and the east side of Community Ditch and a 75-foot buffer adjacent to a segment in the vicinity of the north side of Weld County Road 6, and an updated IGA map. The buffer along Palisade 6 allows for a 12-foot concrete trail and a 2-foot crusher fines path. The staff requested a motion supporting the proposed First Amendment. Kristan also noted that Broomfield staff has implemented several tracking measures to avoid confusion on the applicability of the various IGAs that cover Broomfield. A map of all the Broomfield IGAs is being created by GIS staff and a special section in future Planning memos will address IGAs.

Scott, I did not get a visual on Exception 2, is there a limitation for narrowing the buffer there?

Kristan, the area in Exception 2 is already preserved within Broomfield by the Harmer Open Space. The remaining area is on the landfill.

Scott, is notification or participation required for existing residents in the 300-foot buffer?

Kristan, as this is an IGA, there is not a notice requirement to every property owner within the IGA area.

Scott, were we able to get a path through the restricted commercial area near State Highway 7 and east of Sheridan?

Kristan, there is an 8-foot sidewalk along the east side of Sheridan from State Highway 7 north to 169th Ave. and a crusher fines path on the parcels just east of Sheridan Blvd. north of 169th Avenue to the Broomfield County Line. (Staff clarified trail materials after reviewing GIS information)

Christina, when the Harmer Open Space was purchased, who decides how the land is to be used?

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Kristan, on the Harmer Open Space, a management plan will be created with public engagement if the parcel is relatively large; Public engagement is an important part of the process. This land was purchased with Open Space sales and use tax monies.

Christina, with regards to the buffers, are they required with development?

Kristan, this is a special agreement between two governments, so when a development comes in that is within the IGA area, the two governments have agreed to try to preserve the buffer during the development review process.

TK motioned to support the approval of the First Amendment to the Erie and City and County of Broomfield Intergovernmental Agreement; Alexis seconds; motion was approved unanimously.

5. Update, Discussion and Comments on the Midway Boulevard Multimodal Corridor

Pete Dunlaevy stated that the plan is moving forward, he highlighted a few key sections of the trail and encouraged the committee to visit the Broomfield Voice page.

6. Review and Approval of the April 28 2022 OSTAC Meeting Minutes

TK motioned to approve the OSTAC April 28, 2022 minutes; Alexis seconds; Minutes were approved unanimously.

7. OSTAC Updates

Events

Pete gave an update on the Broomfield Trail Adventure, the Pride Parade, the Plein Air Painting and Brewhaha.

Open Space, Parks, Recreation and Trails Update

Lexi gave an overview of the outreach done for OSPRT including the information tables, focus groups and local events.

Midcities Walmart Trail

Pete let the committee know that the gap behind Walmart will be closed with a trail connection.

Anthem Park Closure

Kristan let the committee know of the closure and detours during construction.

Joint Parks, Recreation, and Senior Services Advisory Committee (PRSSAC) and OSTAC Committee Meeting

Please note this meeting is on Wednesday, July 20, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. *We will have a short OSTAC meeting after the joint meeting.

Other topics as requested by Citizens

None.

8. Other Topics as Desired by OSTAC

Closing with April Quotation and Photograph

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. Minutes were prepared by Beverly Burbach.