



Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 2020
6pm - Regular Meeting
Meeting Conducted Remotely via Zoom

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm. Those in attendance were:
Dave Belin, Lynn Riedel, Allison Hamm, Tim Shafer, Katie Christiansen, Josh Kuhn, Luke Arrington, Councilor Stephanie Walton, Rob Burdine

Items from the public

No items from the public.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Josh Kuhn to approve the July 16, 2020, minutes Luke Arrington seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the June 2020 minutes was postponed until the October 2020 meeting.

Topics of Discussion

- City Council Workshop Presentation Review
 - Thanks to Rob for putting the power point together. The presentation went well. There were questions about prairie dogs and interest in plans for the Waneka Centennial Farm.
 - Migratory Bird Day, Sept. 20th, 1-3pm. It will look different this year because of the covid protocols. 175 total attendees have reserved times with 20 – 25 per time slot. They could use volunteers for hosting groups and perhaps some traffic control. There will be no vendors this year.
 - Open Space Day is typically the first weekend in October. An Educational Program is already scheduled at the Beaupres Barn (with attendance limited per protocols). Some Open Space Day ideas were discussed, perhaps “piggybacking” on the Beaupres program.

Staff Report

- Rob would like LOSAC to get on site at the Waneka Centennial Farm as the staff begins to work on planning for the future of the farm.
- The Nature Kids Project has received additional grant funding from Great Outdoors Colorado. This funding will go towards an internship program for local 10 teens. Projects will include work around the native prairie garden near the Shack, and fence removal, cleanup and additional; efforts at Waneka Centennial Farm. Interns will be supervised by Wildlands Restoration Volunteers and Cottonwood Institute.
- The Open Space Division hosted two groups from the Dawson School. The students planted native shrubs that they grew from seed in the area of the Waneka Shack. These projects were coordinated through Wildlands Restoration Volunteers.
- Anna's Farm HOA requested that an eagle nest be located in the area of Anna's Farm but Open Space has not been able to find eagles in the area.
- The prairie dog relocation from the power line area is completed. Two coyote groups have been picking off adults at the new site (Rock Creek West by the asphalt plant). Cheat grass has been mowed to give the prairie dogs a better line of site.
- It is requested an inventory of prairie dogs on Lafayette open space properties will be part of the upcoming Wildlife Management Plan. The RFP is currently in draft form and is scheduled to go out in early 2021. Money will be set aside to do inventory work including – invasive plants, native plants, prairie dogs.
- The Mile High Flood Control District (Formerly Urban Drainage) has worked with the City of Lafayette Open Space Division to initiate the permitting to create a relief channel on the back side of coal creek on the Adler/Fingru Open Space that is jointly held by Lafayette, Louisville and Boulder County.

Member Updates

- Dave observed with interest the prairie dog relocation from the power line area.
- Councilor Walton remarked that it has been suggested that a "social inventory" be conducted to understand where the Lafayette community stands on co-existence between human and prairie dog communities.
 - She also noted that even with Covid, Lafayette is in pretty good shape. There have been no full-time employee layoffs.
 - The cyber attack has been really difficult for staff with two emergency declarations and a new expensive system going in that will hopefully be much stronger against attacks.

Planning Updates

No Planning updates

Next Agenda

October 1st is the next LOSAC meeting. Agenda TBD.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Lynn Rydell to adjourn. Luke Arrington seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Chairperson DocuSigned by:
David Belin
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Asst. to the Director DocuSigned by:
Ben Mazal
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