



Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting
February 4, 2021
6:00 pm, Regular Meeting

THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED REMOTELY BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm. Those in attendance are: Dave Belin, Rob Burdine, Joe Smith, Stephanie Walton, Katie Christiansen, Allison Hamm, Lynn Riedel, Tim Shafer, Josh Kuhn, and Luke Arrington

Items from the Public

None.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Luke Arrington to approve the January 2021 minutes. Katie Christiansen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Topics for Discussion

Lafayette Sustainability Plan:

Mayor Pro Tem Walton reiterated Council's desire for comments from advisory committees.

Rob B. speaks to major topics from an Open Space perspectives. Asks LOSAC does if it cover topics we'd like it to cover.

Alison H.- Question about Dark Skies being included (Tim S. agreed).

Josh Kuhn- How to include Wildlife Plan. Interplay with Bird City designation along with tree canopy. How to meet clean energy goal and how to move away from natural gas usage. Question on solar on open space property.

Lynn- Commented on Longmont's plan and good job describing various ecosystems. Commented on how PROS plan does a good job but may have fallen short and maybe there is way to improve. Include reference to COMP and PROS plan to link them all together. Agrees solar on open space would make it not open space anymore. Agrees with Tim S. comments on water conservation. Agrees on Stephanie W. re: urban canopy and need for buffers.

Tim S.- What definition of sustainability are we using so we can consider how it applies to Open Space. Katie C. added to this and "how we survive on earth" with our ecosystem and how to achieve that. "Healthy Green Buildings and Land". Would like to see presentation on benefits of solar array/garden vs. having it on commercial buildings and property. Would like to see more about water conservation since that is a scarce resource. Wants to talk about how we're conserving water, but

also where we're sourcing our water. Comments on bikeable community and upcoming multimodal transportation.

Stephanie W.- How urban canopy and current code overlap. Asked group about waste diversion and how with open space this could work together (composting, re-used construction materials in creative ways)

Rob B.- We have solar at Thomas, want to have it to power open space facilities, so we should be careful about fully removing from Sustainability Plan

Joe S.- Noted company works for owns arrays on police station and wanted to put that out there. Most residential properties don't have enough area to provide enough power. Capped landfill sites, creative planting, and comments on cost of natural gas vs. electric and equation to best do it.

Outdoor Classroom Final Design:

Plans at 100%, finish review February, go out with RFP March/April, start construction May-ish.

Improvements to shelter and surrounding area. No changes to amphitheater area. Information signs and gathering/seating area coming from school. Bid alternates for sail shades at several station, replace concrete at current shelter, animal footprints, human sundial.

Sign package approved for 2021 and will focus on this area to get complete signage with construction.

Suggestion about wildlife camera to allow people to see animals.

Tim S. suggested checking mating of Coopers Hawk and delaying construction till July.

Discussion about trash receptacles and pros and cons of having them.

Lynn would like to have input on the signage. Rob B. suggested subcommittee of two members. Not a fan of parallel trails on open space.

2021 LOSAC Goals

- Review on 2020 list:
 - o Keep- 1. (acquire more open space), 2., 3. (continue signage installation), 4. (updated LOSAC member assignments and refresh), 12., 13., 14.
 - o Modify- 5. (continue partnerships, COMP plan wrapping up, add multimodal), 6. (add Waneka shack, Centennial Farm programming), 7. Update, 8. Update, 9. Update, 10. (more of awareness than monitoring), 11. (Possible work with Masters students at CU)
 - o Add- E-bike ordinance, Finalize 104th Street Connector

Staff Report

- Rock Creek – Horizon to 120th
 - o Closed since 2013. Study of flooding and solutions. Rob to review prior reports and re-review options to re-opening trail section. Stephanie W. suggested investigating grants. Tim S. comments on flood recovery and impacts
- 104th Street Connector Project
 - o Planning and design phase continues, description of Lafayette's section and maintenance.
- PDAWG Resolution
 - o 2nd year term for PDAWG approved 6-0 from council. Alison H. to continue, but Tim S. interested.
- Waneka Centennial progress

- o Rob B. and Martin to present more information in March. Leach field being designed. Asbestos and lead paint test positive on both structures and inside so future remediation. Historic Preservation wants to catalog items.
- Nature Kids Internship
 - o Interns doing well. Meeting in person again. Upcoming projects. Boulder County Youth Core scheduled to happen, but waiting to finalize programs since in 2020 it was cancelled early.
- Bird City Ceremony
 - o May 8th virtual ceremony. Possible proclamation via city council.

Member Updates

Stephanie W.: New Planning Director. COMP Plan update on delays with COVID. Council updates.

Katie C.: Sharing about work in Boulder and CO regarding 30 by 30 campaign. Protect 30% of land and oceans by 2030.

Josh K.: Shared report from Conservation Colorado while picking up on Katie’s comments about sustainability.

Lynn R.: Agreed with Katie on importance of sustainability and land conservation. COMP Plan update on upcoming meetings. Brought up public arts and Medtronic site development.

Tim S.: Plug for Youth Core Program Manager hiring

Joe S.: Planning Commission workshop, and new Planning Director. Upcoming developments. Upcoming vacancy on Planning Commission. Thanks to LOSAC for work.

Planning Updates

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Next Agenda

March 4, 2021 is the next LOSAC meeting

Topics include:

- Centennial Farm meeting, Final 2021 Goals, Picking date to present to council, Arbor Day

Adjournment

A motion was made by Lynn Riedel to adjourn. Allison Hamm seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

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