



MEETING MINUTES

Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting

August 5, 2021

6:00 pm, Regular Meeting

Virtually via Zoom

“Draft Minutes”

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm. Those in attendance are:

Dave Belin Rob Burdine Stephanie Walton Ben Mazal Lexie Martinez
Allison Hamm Lynn Riedel Josh Kuhn Luke Arrington Monte Stevenson

Items from the Public

Karen Norback- Comments on Thorne project and use by Thorne; not in support of this part of the project. Against use of public space/land for private gain.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Lynn Riedel to approve the July minutes. Dave Belin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Topics for Discussion

Thorne Nature Proposal - Keith D.: Lafayette Nature Center project. Founded 1954 and focused on stewardship and connection to nature. Serve ~15,000 youths each year. Provide \$225k in scholarships each year. Wants to develop two lots on Old Laramie Road next to Coal Creek trail for offices, and education center. Will make a \$3MM+ investment into development of the property but wants some length of commitment to access to public lands. Considerations regarding facility design, access to open space, maintenance, and type of use of open space. Looking for 20 year commitment. Lots of questions and comments on use, timing, acquisition, and development of property.

- o Motion by Josh K., Seconded by Allison H. to recommend Thorne Nature Experience and Lafayette Open Space present joint partnership opportunities along Coal Creek to city council for discussion(Pass Unanimously)

Welcome Lexie Martinez New Open Space Natural Resource Coordinator: Came from Westminster, started yesterday. Degree in veterinary sciences. Bird nerd.

Open Space Day: First Saturday in October. Starting to plan with Lexie and Rob. Work at Waneka and underwater fish structures.

Outdoor Classroom Construction Schedule

Staff Report

Horizon Underpass - OTAK and Mile High Flood Control District would like to present to LOSAC in November to discuss options for public access

SILO Development - Staff has submitted a police report for damages to 2.2 acres of Open space dedication.

August 9th - Volunteer recognition event at East Simpson Coffee. LOSAC is invited to attend.

Open Space staff will host 3 High School projects at Waneka Centennial Farm in August with Dawson School and Peak to Peak Sophomores.

Member Updates

Stephanie W.: updated the group on various Council efforts.

NEXT MEETING ITEMS:

Planning Updates

N/A

Next Agenda

September 2, 2021 is the next LOSAC meeting

Adjournment

A motion was made by _____ to adjourn. _____ seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at ____ pm.

Chairperson _____ Date _____