



Statement of Vision

Lafayette's panoramic view of the Rocky Mountains inspires our view into the future. We value our heritage, our unique neighborhoods, a vibrant economy, and active lifestyles. We envision a future that mixes small-town livability with balanced growth and superior city services.

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED REMOTELY BY ELECTRONIC MEANS to protect public health and safety due to the Colorado Executive Order D2020-017 Ordering Coloradans to Stay at Home Due to the presence of COVID-19 in the State, and under the Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency issued by the Mayor of the City of Lafayette on March 17, 2020, and the City of Lafayette Resolution No. 2020-23 Extending the Mayor's Declaration until terminated by City Council.

November 4, 2021

6 pm

Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENDA

- **Call to Order / Roll Call**
- **Items from the Public**
- **Approval of Minutes**
 - Regular Meeting of October 7, 2021
 - Special Meeting of October 21, 2021
- **Topics for Discussion**
 - Rock Creek Trail at Horizon underpass – Presentation by MHFCD
 - Mayhoffer Management Plan joint meeting follow-up
 - Outreach and Education Contract - 2022 draft scope
- **Staff Report**
- **Member Updates**
- **Adjourn**

Options available to the public for viewing and participating in this meeting are outlined below.

Those wishing to contribute during “**Items from the Public**” may: Attend the meeting and provide input during public comment; submit written comments to the Open Space Superintendent at rob.burdine@lafayetteco.gov; or call 303-661-1310. Your remarks, if received by 3pm on November 4, 2021, will be read into the record during the meeting.

Public listening Zoom Webinar ID will be **853 1884 1792** and the URL will be **<https://lafayetteco.gov.zoom.us/j/85318841792>**

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO**

**Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting
October 7, 2021**

I. OPENING OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Call to Order

The October 7th, 2021 meeting of Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:13 pm. The meeting was conducted via electronic participation due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Colorado and subsequent Safer at Home Executive Order from Governor Jared Polis.

Roll Call

Those in attendance were Tim Shafer, Stephanie Walton, Josh Kuhn, Luke Arrington, Rob Burdine, Lexie Sierra-Martinez, Lynn Riedel, Dave Belin, and Allison Hamm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Luke A. and seconded by Josh K. to approve the minutes from the August 5th, 2021 meeting. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dave B. and seconded by Allison H. to approve the minutes from the September 2nd, 2021 meeting. Passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

Keith Desrosiers: Thanks to Parks and Open Space staff on Mayhoffer Management Plan

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

Topics for Discussion

Minutes Discussion follow-up

- Possible 1-year terms: Luke A. then Allison Hamm following year. Discussion of how to have appropriate details, and members keeping own notes as needed. Possible alternate as needed. Motion by Dave B. to make Luke A. Secretary for 1 year term. Second by Allison H. Passes Unanimously.

Thorne Nature Experience Agreement

- Draft finalized yesterday. Map forthcoming. Discussion of additional time/resources involved is one reason for hiring Lexie S. and future maintenance staff. City Attorney still to review and comment. Impacts on area and mitigation strategy. Minor wording change recommendations.

Open Space Day

- Move to 2022 on Earth Day – April 25, 2022 tentative date. Brainstorming ideas for Open Space + Earth Day in progress.

Mayhoffer Management Plan joint meeting

- October 21, 2021 @ 7pm scheduled. Had virtual meeting open house prior week. Multiple LOSAC members able to attend currently. Storyboard was big hit. Preparation for City Council meeting presentation.
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Staff Report

- Migratory Bird Event went well at Waneka, with couple 100 people. Possible changes in future years with access to boat house.
- Rock Creek flooding issues. Mile High Flood to assist in repairs.
- Interns (12) started couple weeks ago. Working on various projects.
- Fall Fest participation
- Crew work updates: Mowing, weed control, fungus nursery, projects
- Outdoor Classroom about 2/3 complete. Plants going in ground. Pre-planning for educators and schools in Fall 2021, with Spring 2022 grand opening.

Member Updates

- Dave B.- Apologized for being late to meeting.
- Lynn R.- COMP Plan update with City Council and CAC
- Stephanie W.- COMP Plan update and thanks for those who participated in process. Ballots going out soon. Five candidates for four seats. Other election updates. Comments on open space enforcement program and public safety. Outreach to Louisville on 104th Street regarding ideas for funding.
- Lexie S.- Input on any future open space enforcement not being under Police but would be under Open Space.
- Dave B.- Traded emails with Erie regarding Powers Marsh. Lynn R. says no updates yet.

Next Meeting Topics

- Horizon underpass update
- Outreach and Education scope for 2022
- High level Prairie Dog update
- Waneka Farm discussion on need for HPB joint meeting and future planning

V. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dave B. and seconded by Luke A. Passed Unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

ATTEST

LOSAC
Chair

Staff Liaison

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**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO**

Joint meeting with City of Lafayette Open Space Advisory Committee, City of Louisville Open Space Advisory Committee and Boulder County Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee

Time/Date of Meeting: 7 p.m., Thursday, October 21, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting

I. OPENING OF SPECIAL JOINT BOARDS MEETING

Call to Order

The Special Joint Board meeting to discuss the Mayhoffer Farm Management Plan was called to order at 7:00pm. The meeting was conducted via electronic participation due to the presence of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Colorado. The meeting was recorded. Dave Belin, LOSAC Committee Chair, moderated the meeting.

Roll Call

Those in attendance from LOSAC were Committee Chair Dave Belin, Committee Vice Chair Lynn Riedel, and Committee Members Josh Kuhn and Allison Hamm.

City participants included Planning Board Liaison Joe Smith, and Board Liaison Rob Burdine.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were reviewed or approved during this special joint meeting.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

Public input was included after the Presentation.

IV. AGENDA ITEM: Mayhoffer Farm Management Plan
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A. Presentation: Mayhoffer Farm Management Plan

PRESENTERS: Ethan Abner, Jena VanGerwen, and Cara Potter, CU MENV Students

The POSAC memo for this meeting and the Mayhoffer Farm Management Plan Story Map created by the presenters provide the information included in the presentation. Option A was presented as the preferred multiple use trail alignment.

Board and committee members asked clarifying questions and made comments.

The presentation and board question period was followed by a public hearing, then each committee deliberated and voted in sequence.

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend Approval

- POSAC recommendation to Board of County Commissioners
 - LOSAC recommendation to Lafayette City Council
- Josh Kuhn made the following motion and Allison Hamm seconded:

Motion to recommend to the Lafayette City Council the approval of the Mayhoffer Farm Management Plan, as described by the Joint Board meeting [POSAC] memo and as further described by students and staff at the Joint Board meeting.

- LOSAB recommendation to Louisville City Council

V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm by moderator Dave Belin.

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Memorandum

To: Lafayette Open Space Advisory Board
From: Rob Burdine, Open Space Superintendent
Date: 11/4/21
Re: Horizon crossing and underpass

Purpose:

Mile High Flood Control District and Lafayette Open Space working in conjunction with OTAK have studied and analyzed potential options for Rock Creek trail crossing alternatives at Horizon Drive. Wildlife experts and flood plain engineers were engaged. A geomorphic assessments and stream behavior were studied to provide a comprehensive view of the creek corridor identifying what restoration is possible to improve both the ecology of Rock Creek and recreation along the regional trail. LOSAC will be presented with a few different options and cost estimates to consider for discussion.

Background:

Prior to the flood of 2013, the City of Lafayette and Mile High Flood Control District partnered on flood restoration and mitigation in the Rock Creek Trail corridor at the Horizon underpass. The torrential rains and flooding that occurred in September 2013 destroyed that restoration work and rendered the underpass inaccessible to pedestrian use. Several studies have taken place to distinguish what the best possible outcomes are and at what cost? Current pedestrian traffic is forced in toe roadway and has created a safety hazard and obstacle to a regional trail corridor.

Next Steps:

LOSAC comments will be considered, as staff is looking for feedback on preferred crossing options for future budget and project identification. Securing additional funding sources in partnership may be necessary to achieve some options shown for consideration. Cost estimates have been identified and will need to be part of considerations.