

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting
May 5, 2022

I. OPENING OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Call to Order

The May 5, 2022, meeting of Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:03 pm.

Roll Call

Those in attendance were Rob Burdine, Lexie Sierra-Martinez, Tim Shafer, Dave Belin, Joseph Smith, Allison Hamm, and Lynn Riedel.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dave Belin to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2022, meeting, as amended. Lynn Riedel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

- Karen Norback: Comments and information regarding an RTD stop that is planned for the new Willoughby Corner development at Emma St. and 120th that could help provide a public transport option for accessing the Waneka Farm site in the future.
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IV. AGENDA ITEMS

1. LOSAC new member interviews

- a. John Cook was interviewed.
- b. LOSAC discussed the three candidates who have been interviewed and recommended that Grant Swift fill the vacant LOSAC Alternate #2 position. Dave Belin moved to recommend to City Council that Grant Swift be appointed to LOSAC. Allison Hamm seconded, and the motion passed with one abstention by Lynn Riedel (who is related to Grant).

2. 95th Street Property discussion (see memo in packet)

- a. Staff provided a briefing on a 95th Street property being explored as a potential purchase. The small property has buildings that are likely historic. LOSAC agreed with staff to pursue additional information and visit the site with the owner. The Potential Open Space Criteria and Ranking will be applied if staff recommends continued exploration after the visit.

3. Earth Day Everyday follow-up

- a. LOSAC members and staff commented that the Outdoor Classroom event was very successful with around 600 attending. Staff recommends a similar event next year. Some education station improvements continue. Working with the Police Dept. due to vandalism.

4. Coal Creek flood relief project (see memo in packet)

- a. Staff provided a briefing on flood control work near the Coal Creek Trail adjacent to the jointly owned Harney-Lastoka property, and the potential for a wildlife viewing trail to be added. LOSAC agreed with staff to explore this idea further with the Mile High Flood Control District (MHFCD) and to evaluate the trail proposal further when more information is available.
- b.

Staff Report

- Horizon at-grade crossing plan is near completion with the landscape plan under review.
- Wildlife Plan RFP has been issued and proposals are due 5/27. Interviews planned for early June with Open Space and Planning staff and a couple of LOSAC members involved.
- City of Lafayette applying for a Safe Routes to School Grant to assist with planning safe links from neighborhoods to schools (e.g., Willoughby Corner to Sanchez).
- Staff continues to be involved with the Multi Modal Plan development.
- Rob is working on the 2023 budget and will provide LOSAC with updated information.
- Waneka property adjacent to Chuck's Pond sold. City will have input into any development plans.
- Boulder County Youth Corps will work on Lafayette Open Space this year; proposal approved.
- Lexie provided updates on restoration projects:
 - o Coal Creek corridor west of Highway 287 – a large planting project was accomplished with volunteers (58 shrubs and 25 forbs) and is protected by signs and temporary rope fencing.
 - o Earth Day, April 22 planting at the Outdoor Classroom – shrubs and trees (rabbitbrush, wild rose, serviceberry, cottonwood).
 - o There will be five additional Wildlands Restoration Volunteer projects this year.

Member Updates


- Joe: There have been no Planning Commission (PC) meetings since the April LOSAC meeting. PC will be discussing short term rentals.
- Allison is helping to host an Afghan family.
- Lynn commended the Earth Day Everyday event and the Wildfire Awareness webpage. Rob mentioned that he has talked with several landowners adjacent to Open Space about wildfire preparedness.

Potential Next Agenda Items: 95th St. parcel, Coal Creek mitigation project, 104th St. Trail


V. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dave Belin to adjourn. Lynn Riedel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

ATTEST


Rob Burdine, Staff Liaison

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Lafayette Open Space Advisory Committee
Dave Belin, Chair

The minutes herein are a summary of the business conducted at this meeting, not a verbatim transcript. Only the actions taken and the text appearing in quotation marks are verbatim.