

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

**Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting
Jan 5, 2023**

I. OPENING OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Call to Order The January meeting of Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:01 pm.

Roll Call Those in attendance were Dave Belin, Chair; Lynn Riedel, Vice Chair; Allison Hamm; Josh Kuhn; Luke Arrington; Tim Shafer; Grant Swift; Tonya Briggs; Rob Burdine; Millissa Berry

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES A motion was made by Lynn to approve the minutes from the Nov. 3, 2022 meeting, noting the brevity of the wildlife plan discussion. Allison seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC INPUT Karen Norback. 800 E Geneseo There are red tailed hawks nesting in yards off Baseline Rd. Karen found one down in a yard on the weekend. Animal control transported it to Birds of Prey. It died from Avian Flu. Additionally, she read presentation that she'd given to Council regarding Waneka annexation of land along Burlington and around Old Town Pond. Rob commented that it's possible that the city can use other ditch resources to fill the pond again.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Willoughby Corner development and trail crossing review The Planning Department would like a statement from LOSAC regarding the annexation agreement with this property. This Waneka annexation will be zoned as P-Public, which reflects public land. (There is no zoning for open space.) There is also an easement that prohibits development. Planning would like to modify the streets and the intersection of Emma and 120th and would need 600 square feet of open space to accommodate the new intersection.

LOSAC debated the sentence in the information packet - "The [conversion] of the property from open space to right-of-way is not considered an open space disposal action because the property remains in City of Lafayette ownership." - and concluded that it is a disposal to the City for other uses not open space related. It was suggested that the general fund reimburse the open space fund for the purchase of the 600 square feet. LOSAC then discussed how transfer purposes of open space land can be a slippery slope. Millissa said that Mary Lynn would write the resolution to document the transfer of open space land to public works for this purpose. It was suggested that there be a new open space zoning in the city in the revised code.

Grant made a motion to approve the Willoughby project, requiring the general fund reimburse the open space fund for the transfer of the 600 square feet, and document this transfer in a resolution, to be reviewed by LOSAC, as it could be viewed as precedent-setting action, before the project moves forward. Luke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Open Space Project updates/Staff Report

Last year's capital projects:

1. Outdoor classroom renovations - showcase again this coming Earth Day. Various exhibitors will be around the skating rink and outdoor classroom.
2. 104th Street Connector Trail - broke ground, under construction. Will finish next year.
3. Horizon at grade crossing - new contractor schedule for late March early April to accommodate swallows.
4. Coal Creek Riparian Project - Adler/Fingru in planning stage, designs in spring 2023. Focus on riparian habitat project to alleviate flooding south of the creek. Public Works will fund this.

5. OTAK Coal creek connections -GOCO grant of 250K for public road trailhead area. Trying to steer use to less sensitive areas, protecting the more sensitive areas with fencing.

Admin Projects:

1. Wildlife plan in progress, surveying in spring and summer of holdings, and wish list for Boulder County (trivia night at odd 13)
2. Code chapter rewrite - consider public land dedication, buffers and setbacks, vegetation, fire codes
3. Development and tech review - staff reviewed 43 referrals. They will bring to us those that may have public land dedications.
4. Community events:
 - April Earth Day & Migratory Bird Day (10th anniversary). Rob will send dates.
 - Outdoor Classroom concert and storytelling series. Rob will let us know schedule when it's finalized.
5. Waneka Centennial farm - asbestos removal and roof replacement 2022; Due diligence and site discovery related to revised historic survey slated for 2023. Hope is for annexation in 2023. Anticipating a new design for an additional building in 2025.
6. Stewardship and outreach
 - Tree City & Bird City memberships. We are pursuing Bee City membership.
 - Boulder county youth corps - O.S. interns to do habitat restoration; 33 volunteer habitat restoration projects completed.
 - Interagency fire mitigation management planning, to prescribe fire fuel reduction projects and generate common literature for prairie fire management
 - Relocated 130 dogs from Rothman to Pueblo.
 - Sixty-five nature programs with 3606 participants.
 - Red Wagon was remarkable, a great tenant.

C. Chapter 26 Code re-write committee appointment Working group will begin in February, second Wednesday of the month. Grant was selected as representative, with Allison as an alternate and Tim as second alternate. The meeting is online, so anyone could view.

VI. MEMBER UPDATES LOSAC roster for members. Pictures of parcel that Liz Dawson mentioned in public input was given to Rob. He will check with Monte on the status of this parcel. Painting the silos was discussed.

VII. NEXT MEETING TOPICS Willoughby corner information; OTAK wants to present on Coal Creek corridor; Annual report; LOSAC goals.

VIII. ADJOURN A motion was made by Dave to adjourn. Allison seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

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Lafayette Open Space Advisory Committee
Dave Belin, Chair

Rob Burdine, Staff Liaison

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.

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