



Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee

Minutes
April 25, 2013

Meeting Summary

OSTAC reviewed the proposed Lowell Boulevard pedestrian underpass and trail project at the Metzger Farm Open Space. The committee reviewed the proposed CIP projects for 2014 and provided recommendations. The committee also discussed the possible rezoning of the Hoopes property.

Roll Call

OSTAC

Present:

Annette Cislo

Rob Bodine

Jay McKeral

William Olney

George Zack

Councilmember Bob Gaiser (departed early)

Absent:

James Haedrich

Patrick Tennyson

Councilmember Mike Shelton

Others in attendance:

Kristan Pritz, Open Space and Trails Director

Pete Dunlaevy, Senior Open Space and Trails Coordinator

Dan Feller, CIP Project Manager

Agenda Minutes

1. The Committee went on a site visit to the Metzger property to review the proposed Lowell Boulevard widening project, pedestrian underpass, and trail improvements at the Metzger Farm Open Space. Dan Feller, Project Manager with the Capital Improvement Program, led the site visit and explained the project to the committee. He reviewed the environmental report and explained impacts related to grading and some tree removal. OSTAC had no major concerns with the project and indicated that they believed construction impacts had been minimized.

2. Call to Order OSTAC/PRAC Meeting, 7:25 p.m. by Rob Bodine

3. Interested Citizens

None.

4. Review of CIP Projects Proposed for 2014 and Request for Recommendations from OSTAC

Kristan introduced the proposed list of CIP projects for open space and trails in 2014 and provided a draft list to the committee for discussion and review. Kristan described the projects in a PPT presentation and gave an overview of each proposal. Kristan asked the committee for their recommendation on the prioritization of the projects.

>Annette-is there currently access to Glasser Reservoir?

>Kristan-no, not at this time;

>Rob-asked if the trail proposed in project BT-6 (the trail from Sheridan Blvd. to Lowell Boulevard adjacent to Glasser Reservoir) was to be constructed along Community Ditch?

>Kristan-yes, Broomfield owns the land as most of this area is part of the southern portion of the Hoopes Property and can place the trail along the ditch;

>Rob-is this a soft-surface trail?

>Kristan-No, this is part of the Broomfield Trail and will therefore be a concrete trail with a crusher fines jogging strip along one side of the concrete trail;

>Rob-wondered about the trail information kiosks? Are they still ongoing and how many would be placed?

>Kristan-yes (showed the three locations currently proposed)

>Annette-is there a chance of moving the Westlake trail project up, maybe to 2015; this is a current trail that actually gets a lot of use in a very active area, as opposed to some other locations here; also, how long will the Wadsworth/US-36 construction be going on for?

>Kristan/Dan-about 9 months to a year longer for this phase of construction on Wadsworth;

>George-maybe the necessity is not as great to proceed with the Wadsworth project; perhaps Westlake could move up;

>Kristan-I think the Wadsworth project is really more of a sidewalk/safety issue so perhaps this project could be addressed through another avenue; I will look into this when our staff discusses the Wadsworth sidewalk during our discussions with Finance and CIP staff;

>Jay-agree with Annette and George; it seems like a lot of improvement projects target newer developments instead of older, existing neighborhoods;

>Kristan-a very good point; we will try to move Westlake up;

>George-what about the Wottge property trail and the potential crossing of that site?

>Kristan-this project is in the CIP plan; it is currently difficult to make the connection on the western side of Wottge and it will probably need the PUD or the sale of a parcel to be feasible; so it is probably a little farther out;

>George-on the potential trail connection near Industrial Lane and US-36, it will probably be hard to break the social trail habit along Midway and Hoyt, as it is kind

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of a straight shot there; I support the amended list as we have discussed it (Westlake promoted, Wadsworth demoted);
>Jay-motivated for approval of this recommendation; Annette seconds.

Motion passed 5-0 (Jay, George, Annette, Rob, Bill in favor) Westlake will be moved up to the top priority and Wadsworth will be delayed and or reassigned if possible to another funding source with safety issues addressed as needed.

5. Discussion of Rezoning of the Hoopes Property located north of 144th Avenue, west of Lowell Boulevard and south of the Northwest Parkway

Kristan explained the possible rezoning of portions of the Hoopes property and amendment to the Open Space Zone District. OSTAC and PRAC will be involved in the review process and perhaps at the May meeting a draft will be presented.

6. Review and Approve Minutes from the March 20, 2013 OSTAC Meeting:

A motion was made by George and seconded by Annette. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Updates on open Space and Trails Projects:

- Update on Egg Farm – Mountain View Estates

- Update on Lustig Land Acquisition

- Ruth Roberts Connector Trail – GOCO Grant

- Tom Frost Nature Pavilion and Picnic Area - Interpretive Sign

- Partial Release of the Scriffiny Open Space Property Conservation Easement in Boulder County for U.S. 36 Widening Improvements

- Kids Fishing Derby Update – May 4

- Broomfield Trail Adventure Update – June 1

- Denver Metro Area Coyote Behavior Study Update

- Rocky Mountain Greenway Trail Update

- Boards and Commissions Celebration – May 11

- Azura Assisted Living, Westlake Schoolhouse Property Update

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-Upcoming Meeting Dates: Joint OSTAC/PRAC scheduled for May 23, joint OSTAC/PAC scheduled for June 12.

7. Other Topics as Desired: None.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by Pete Dunlaevy.

Approved by OSTAC on May 23, 2013.