



## Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee

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*Approved Minutes  
January 23, 2014*

### Meeting Summary

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OSTAC reviewed the final designs for the Open Space and Trails information kiosks and received a progress report on the Lowell Boulevard construction and pedestrian underpass design. The Committee reviewed interview questions for potential new members and the 2014 preliminary goals and objectives. The committee also received updates on the 2014 Broomfield Trail Adventure and several upcoming projects for review.

### Roll Call

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OSTAC

Present:

Rob Bodine

Jay McKeral

Patrick Tennyson

George Zack

Sam Taylor

OSTAC Absent:

Annette Cislo

Mike Shelton

William Olney

Others in attendance:

Kristan Pritz, Open Space and Trails Director

Kevin Standbridge, Deputy City and County Manager

Pete Dunlaevy, Open Space and Trails Coordinator

Dan Feller, CIP Project Manager

### Agenda Minutes

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1. Call to Order, 6:05 p.m. by Rob Bodine  
Welcome to new member Sam Taylor.
2. Introduction of Interested Citizens  
  
Joel Hollis, Tim Griffin
3. Final Review of Design of Open Space and Trails Information Kiosks

Kristan described

>Jay-if the design with the boulders/stone is not used, would there be a possibility for some seating around the kiosks as an option too?

>Kristan-yes, this may be a possibility;

>Rob-to get a better visual, could staff show us a mockup of the kiosk at a future proposed location so we can get a better understanding of the impacts on the site;

>Kristan-we can try to do this once we propose specific locations; we could use tape and poles to show the dimensions of the structure on the site for OSTAC to see; and

>George-it appears that the committee is in favor of proceeding with these designs.

Jay moves to approve the information kiosk designs, George seconds; the committee unanimously approves the designs as presented.

#### 4. Progress Report on the Design of the Lowell Boulevard Pedestrian Underpass Adjacent to Metzger Farm Open Space

Kristan introduced Dan Feller, project manager for the Lowell Boulevard Improvements Project. He reviewed the latest plans for the construction along Lowell Boulevard and the designs for the pedestrian underpass next to the Metzger Farm Open Space property. He emphasized that this is a "work in progress" but that staff wanted to share with OSTAC the latest plans which are nearly finished.

>Patrick-regarding the two separate channels, the second channel is just for drainage?

>Dan-yes, in higher water events or storms;

>Patrick-have we considered the potential for creation of new habitat in the tunnel here when this structure is completed? Notably, possible habitat for tree or cliff swallows on the underpass walls?

>Kristan-this is sometimes an issue in underpasses; the vacant nests are typically removed when they are out of season, in accordance with state/federal laws;

>Kevin-will there be lighting in the underpass?

>Dan-yes, in the tunnel area; there will also be a railing, per code, as well;

>Rob-asked about adjacent trail connections to better understand how the underpass will connect into the comprehensive trail system;

>Dan and Kristan explained that the underpass is part of the Southeast Community Loop Trail and the trail on the west side in Broomfield will connect to the trail in the Wasatch development--additional trail segments will be needed to the west to connect to the Southeast Community Loop Trail that was recently completed adjacent to Wal-Mart on 120th Ave.; on the east side of the underpass--there will be a connection into the Metzger Farm trails and Big Dry Creek Trail;

>George-are there going to be any logos, like perhaps the Broomcorn logo?

>Dan-the issue of logos or an open space related image is not yet resolved but is something we are looking into; the exact branding here remains undecided at this time; staff is working with Westminster to reach a consensus on the images.

>Sam-we could have four logos that are shown together in some way, to reflect the cooperation on this property – Broomfield, Westminster, Adams County, and Metzger Farm;

>Dan-explained that the stone pattern on the face of the underpass is embossed into the concrete forms and stained;

>Jay--liked the idea of the herons;

>George-asked why there is not a sidewalk on the east side of the bridge adjacent to the road;

>Kevin-in terms of design, moving the sidewalk down from the road to connect was a Westminster requirement;

>Rob-what is the timeline again?

>Dan-construction will begin in the coming months and will continue into the fall/winter; major construction is expected to take about one year, and then there will be some landscaping work;

>Rob-what is the status of the Wasatch project to the west?

>Kevin-it looks like they will be bidding work in the spring, and they are hoping to begin work sometime after that, although a firm schedule is not yet proposed.

In general, OSTAC supported the design details of the underpass.

5. Discussion of Proposed Interview Questions to Recommend to the City Council Interview Committee for Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee Applicants

Kristan reviewed the terms of the existing OSTAC members and informed the committee that there is a possibility they will have three new members, as Jim has departed, George is not re-applying, and Bill's term is ending as well (although he may reapply). Kristan also reviewed the proposed questions for applicants with the committee.

>Patrick-the first question of "What are some of the topics or projects you would like to focus on if you are appointed to the OSTAC?" is difficult without some history and background;

>Jay-it would actually be very helpful if applicants attended some meetings before they applied to learn about the committee;

>Rob-are applicants given information about the committees? He also hoped that new appointees would be selected that had OSTAC as their first choice for serving on a committee;

>Kristan-just what is advertised in the paper or elsewhere, but they can certainly call or email to receive more; I will let the City Manager's Office know that OSTAC suggests that question #1 be moved back toward the end of the list of questions;

>Rob-would recommend having some preparations on history and background for new OSTAC members;

>Kristan-yes--we ask new members if we can give them an orientation before they start;

>George-could help dig up history that was provided for new members in 2010;

>Kristan-we do have a 'history' slide show we can update and use again too; and

>Patrick-also noted that there are quite a few questions to cover in the short time allowed for interviews and that it may be better to focus on a shorter list of questions.

The members agreed that all the questions were good and suggested that perhaps some past OSTAC members like George Zack and Pascale Fried may want to come to one of the first meetings for the new appointees to talk about the history of open space and trails in Broomfield.

## 6. Discussion of Preliminary 2014 Goals and Objectives for Open Space and Trails

Kristan handed out the preliminary 2014 Goals and Objectives for Open Space and Trails and asked the committee for feedback and discussion. Pete reviewed photos and maps of several of the trail construction projects.

>Patrick-would like to see us revisit the crossings/blinking lights along Midway, south of the County Commons; believes this is an important issue;

>Kevin-(reviewed the recent decisions made on several crossings of Midway and Sheridan); there will be a new full signal crossing at Perry and Midway in this area, and some other crossings will be removed; in other areas, the sidewalks have been pulled back so that pedestrians can cross one lane and then pause in the median before crossing the second; also noted that to date--staff has not received any complaints about the Sheridan improvements;

>Patrick agreed to see how these improvements work before requesting to revisit the issue.

>Rob-are there any more meetings planned with other surrounding communities/committees?

>Kristan-Superior would like to meet with us; we can work on getting this set up;

>George-we should probably meet again with Lafayette and Erie; also should keep up meetings with the Public Art Committee and PRAC if possible;

>Kristan-yes, we will continue to do this meetings--usually we find that one or two meetings with another community is workable each year with everyone's schedules and agenda items OSTAC addresses;

Patrick-acquisition is also a priority; and

>George-requested that we monitor the number of people that cross on Industrial Lane to reach the East Park underpass given our study for the pedestrian crossing in this area.

Kristan explained that once the new members are appointed, she will provide a final list of 2014 Goals and 2013 Accomplishments.

## 7. Review of Potential Routes for the Broomfield Trail Adventure at Siena Reservoir

Pete informed the committee that the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Broomfield Trail Adventure will take place on June 7, 2014, and the event will be hosted at Siena Reservoir in Anthem. Pete reviewed the probably trail routes and surrounding features with the

committee. Staff will be mapping trail routes in more detail, and reviewing the parking, restrooms, power, and other logistics and will follow up with the committee.

8. Request for OSTAC Advisors on Projects:

-Highway 7 pedestrian crossing – Rob volunteers.

-McKay/Lambertson Plan, February 4<sup>th</sup> Concept Review – Jay and Patrick will try to attend.

-Midway to Industrial Lane pedestrian crossing – Rob volunteers.

9. Review and Approve Minutes of the November 21, 2013 OSTAC Meeting

George motions to approve the minutes; Jay seconds.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

10. Updates

-Meeting Schedule for 2014 (no OSTAC meetings in March or May)

-Town of Superior Open Space Committee Request for Joint Meeting in 2014

-Coyote Research – Ongoing; Hazing and Motion Cameras set up

-March 1, Garden Fair, 9 to 11:30 a.m., Community Center--Lakeshore Room

-Gay Reservoir Drainage Project Update – Sediment removal planned in early spring

11. Other as Desired by OSTAC

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.