



Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee

*Minutes
September 21, 2016*

Meeting Summary

The committee toured improvements at Metzger Farm and Lowell Boulevard with the Westminster Parks and Open Space Committee. They also had an OSTAC meeting to review and discuss the priority list of parcels for open space acquisition.

Roll Call

Present:

Tim Griffin, Chair

Doug Grumann

Ray Churgovich

Todd Cohen

Joel Hendrickson

Terra Lenihan

Councilmember Liz Law-Evans

Councilmember Mike Shelton

Absent:

Patrick Tennyson

Visitors:

None

Other staff and consultants in attendance:

Kevin Standbridge, Deputy City and County Manager

Kristan Pritz, Open Space and Trails Director

Pete Dunlaevy, Senior Open Space and Trails Coordinator

Holly D'Oench, Open Space and Trails Assistant

Agenda Minutes

1. Call to Order of Broomfield-Westminster joint meeting at Metzger Farm Open Space
2. Introduction of Committees, Staff Members, and Interested Citizens
3. Tour of Lowell Boulevard Pedestrian Underpass and Connection Trails, and Review of the Metzger Farmstead Improvements Under Construction
4. Call to Order by Tim Griffin, 7:30 p.m.
5. Introduction of Interested Citizens
None
6. Discussion and Review of Open Space Acquisition Priorities

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Kristan reviewed potential Parks and Open Space acquisition properties and strategies. Staff has found that there are enough potential properties to meet the 40% goal of open lands in Broomfield. Currently the focus is on priorities for land acquisition, and receiving direction from City Council on priorities. Kristan mentioned the finance presentation from the last OSTAC meeting that discussed how much money will be available each year to buy land.

Kristan presented a list of properties that are potential priorities for purchase. The list shows the various factors that are reviewed when ranking the parcels as identified in the Open Space, Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan. Purchases have not necessarily gone in numerical order, and this is due to factors like cost of land, available funding, and the landowner's interest in selling. A list was created of top priorities, which includes sites throughout the city and county. Input from the committee is desired as to what they think are good sites to pursue.

It was recommended that the potential open space sites be reviewed against these values: conservation, serving an underserved area, development pressure, trail connectivity. She noted that the staff would be happy to organize another tour of the top site if that would be helpful. There was also a request to identify those sites that are anticipated to be parks on the remaining acquisition sites spreadsheet.

7. Review and Approval of the August 24, 2016 OSTAC Meeting Minutes

Doug moved to approve, Terra seconded.

8. OSTAC Updates

- Open Space Speakers Series Fall 2016
- Broomfield Open Space Foundation Pancake Breakfast, September 24, 2016, Applebee's, 7:30 a.m., 6405 W. 120th Ave.
- Birds of Prey, October 15, 2016, 1:30 p.m. at the Broomfield Community Center

9. Other Topics as Desired by OSTAC

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by Holly D'Oench. Approved by OSTAC on October 27.