



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
APPROVED Meeting Minutes**

April 6, 2021

9:00am

ONLINE MEETING

**Public Meeting Room / Eagle Town Hall
200 Broadway
Eagle, CO**

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9:00am CALL TO ORDER

Call to order at: 9:01am

Absent: None

9:05am APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

Motion to approve the March minutes by Wescoatt second by Owens. Motion passes unanimously.

9:10am DISCUSSION

9:10am (15 min) Wildlife closure coordination/ spring trail conditions update

- Colorado Parks and Wildlife (“CPW”) advised the Town of Eagle and the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) that the need for an extension of seasonal wildlife closures would be unlikely this year owing to below-average winter moisture.
- Because CPW’s recommendation is subject to change, the Committee recommended waiting until the week before April 15 to publicly advertise that trails would not need an extended closure. This was suggested to prevent any confusion.
- Trail information will be announced on HTC, VVMTA, and Town of Eagle outreach platforms.

9:25am (10 min) Abrams Creek wildlife fencing update

- Lieberman has been working with the Hardscrabble grazing lessee to ensure removal of the Abrams Creek boundary fence will not impact their operation, nor let cattle into Town.
- All fencing material will be removed from the property. The youth corps will use the Silver Spur TH and Hernage Creek water tower road to remove material starting at the end of June.
- Staff will reach out to Eagle Ranch and any land/homeowners that could be impacted by the project.

9:35am (5 min) Eagle County Wildlife Roundtable update

- The Eagle County Wildlife Roundtable presentation to Council has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at approximately 6:30pm.
- Lieberman is recommending that all OSRAC members attend.

9:40am (15 min) Commercial, guided, and special use of Town open space and trails discussion

- The Committee supported staff evaluating impacts to trail users and natural resources from commercial, guided, and special use of Town open space and trails.
- Staff will assess the amount of commercial use currently occurring.
- The intention is to better understand impacts to the public from these types of uses through the Open Space and Trails master planning process this summer.
- Staff to investigate the feasibility of regular commercial users contributing to the upkeep of trails and open space.

9:55am (15 min) Open Space and Trails Master Plan RFP

- Staff will have the Open Space and Trails Master Plan RFP posted by Monday, April 12, 2021.
- Proposals will be due by Friday, May 14, 2021.
- The goal is to have the selected consultant start work on the plan and the community engagement process by mid-June 2021.
- Stakeholder and community engagement will be central components of the plan.
- Committee members requested that staff work with the selected consultant to ensure equitable access to the community engagement phase of the project.

10:10am (5 min) Haymaker Trailhead Improvements follow-up

- Staff is accepting proposals for the construction of the restroom shield, split rail fence, and changing room at the Haymaker Trailhead. Construction should hopefully start by late April – depending on the availability of contractors.

Motion to support funding to construct a changing stall at the Haymaker Trailhead, as a component of the spring 2021 trailhead improvements, by Westcoatt second by Kirkman. Motion passes unanimously.

10:15am (15 min) Future agenda items/ new business

1. Two for the Trails grant
2. National trails volunteer day
3. High school race
4. Mountain pests
5. Trail counters
6. OSRAC subcommittees discussion
7. Trail day with HTC. Clean up or group ride.

Motion to ADJOURN at 10:35 by Seager, second by Westcoatt. Motion passes unanimously.

