



Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Approved January Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 4, 2022
9:00 AM
Virtual Meeting
200 Broadway
Eagle, CO 81631

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This was a virtual meeting. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83472864496>
Meeting ID: 834 7286 4496

9:00am CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order at: 9:02am
Absent: None

9:05am APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

Motion to approve the December OSRAC meeting minutes by Owens second by Wescoatt.
Motion passes unanimously.

9:10am DISCUSSION

9:10am (40 min) Haymeadow acquisition project presentation

- The Conservation Fund (TCF) is under contract with Abrikka (developers of Haymeadow) to purchase 200 acres on the eastern side of the PUD for conservation.
- If the deal is successful, the TCF intends to convey the property, with a conservation easement, to Eagle County Open Space.
 - o TCF hopes to acquire the property in late spring. The property would be conveyed to Eagle County by the end of 2022.
- Eagle County Open Space gave a presentation on the project.
- Project Funding:
 - o Fair market value of property = \$7,910,000

- Land donation from owner = \$1,810,000
- Bargain purchase price for TCF = \$6,100,000
- Conservation easement tax credit = \$2,961,855 (estimated)
- Estimated cost for Eagle County = \$3,701,000
- County request for funding from partners = \$1,000,000
 - The County is requesting that project partners contribute \$1 million for the project. The only project partners identified so far are the Town of Eagle and the Eagle Ranch Wildlife Fund.
 - As of 1/1/2022, the Open Space fund balance was \$625,350 with \$473,080 earmarked for capital, operating, and transfer expenditures in 2022.
- Town staff will work with County staff as the project progresses. Updates will be provided to the Committee regularly.
- County staff will return to OSRAC and Council with a funding request for the project.

9:50am (20 min) Winter recreation conversation

- Town staff and committee members have received public comment expressing support for continuing recreational opportunities on the Haymaker trail and to close it to all uses for wildlife protection.
- VVMTA provided an update on recreation use on the trail from camera data and volunteer logs.
- VVMTA volunteers, staff, and other community partners continue to expand educational opportunities for recreationists on the trail.
- The Committee expressed support for collaborating with CPW during heavy winters and extreme weather with the goal of evaluating weather existing management approaches need temporary adjustments owing to extreme weather.

Motion to advise that staff develops an adaptive closures and openings plan for Town of Eagle Open Space to address recreational use during extreme winter weather events by Saeger second by Wescoatt. Motion passes unanimously.

10:10am (15 min) Open Space and Trails Master Plan/ Community Survey update / BLM Closures update
Moved to 2/1/2022.

10:25am (5 min) Future Agenda items/ New Business
None.

Motion to ADJOURN at 11:10 by Hoban second by Saeger. Motion passes unanimously.