



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Approved February Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 1, 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: 9:01am
Absent: None

9:05am APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

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

9:10am DISCUSSION

Haymeadow conservation project update

- Town and County staff reported that the Haymeadow conservation project is still in the funding phase for the County. Details continue to be worked out between the developer and the Conservation Fund. No further updates at this time.

9:10am (30 min) BLM wildlife closures discussion

- At the request of CPW, the BLM will not be continuing motorized access for late-season hunts in the West Eagle/ Hardscrabble area.

- As a result, the area's motorized and mechanized seasonal closure date will return to December 1 – April 15. These dates are consistent with most lands managed across the field office.
- The Town needs to coordinate with the BLM, the community, and other partners to address the Town's seasonal closure dates on the west side of town.
- The Town endeavors to provide consistency for closure dates with neighboring landowners while offering recreational opportunities for Town residents and visitors.
- Staff will continue these conversations and return to the Committee at a later point.

9:40am (30 min) OSTMP update

- SE Group, the consultants leading the master plan process, will present a draft of the Open Space and Trails Master Plan to the Committee at the March OSRAC meeting.
- Stakeholders and community partners will be invited.
- SE Group will take comments and refine the master plan before presenting it to the public at an open house in mid-March.
- The final draft plan will be presented to Council in early April.

10:10am (30 min) 2022 projects overview

Town staff provided a high-level overview of 2022 projects for the Open Space Department. Highlights included:

- Replacing aging trailhead kiosks
- Continuing to replace faded signs and/or installing new signs
- Coordinating with the BLM to accomplish trail maintenance, social trail decommissioning, campsite clean-up, and noxious weed control with a 3-week youth corps
- Contracting with VVMTA to complete regular trail maintenance and stewardship tasks
- Contracting with professional trail builders for trail maintenance
- Replacing the 2nd Gulch cattle guard
- Improvements to the LOV Connection Bridge
- Improvements to the Fishing is Fun Pond (dependent on grant funding)
- Building capacity for the noxious weed management program
- Coordination with BLM on soft path trail planning and possibly construction
- Continued planning for implementation of the Open Space and Trails Master Plan

10:40am (15 min) Wildlife trail ambassador program update

- Staff and VVMTA provided an update on winter trail use at the Haymaker Trail.
- Observations suggest that the substantial portion of users with off-leash dogs are residents taking dogs for a quick walk rather than recreationists heading out on the trail for exercise.

- Committee members suggested offering a designated off-leash dog area near the Haymaker Trailhead to provide a place for dog walkers to go with off-leash dogs.
- Education efforts will continue at the trailhead through April.

Motion to determine the feasibility of a temporary off-leash dog park in the Haymaker area and to continue with educational efforts for the trail by Wescoatt second by Kehoe. Motion passes unanimously.

10:55am (5 min) Future Agenda items/ New Business

- SE Group will present the draft Open Space and Trails Master Plan at the March meeting.

Motion to ADJOURN at 10:48am.