



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Approved December Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 6, 2022
9:00 A.M.
Eagle Town Hall
200 Broadway
Eagle, CO 81631**

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This was an in-person meeting, participants could join via zoom.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83472864496>

Meeting ID: 834 7286 4496

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order at: 9:02

Roll Call:

Committee members present:

Erinn Hoban, Lizzy Owens, Ernest Saeger, Jessica Foulis, Rodger Mitchell, Phil Kirkman, and Chris Kehoe.

Committee members absent:

None.

Staff Present:

Brian Lieberman.

Town Council Present:

Ellen Bodenheimer

9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

9:10 a.m. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

MOTION to approve the NOVEMBER OSRAC meeting minutes by Foulis and second by Owens. Motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor (Kehoe, Mitchell, Foulis, Saeger, Owens, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION

New Committee member recommendation to Town Council

MOTION to recommend to Town Council a new member to OSRAC that receives the highest score based on the scoring rubrics submitted by OSRAC members by Saeger and second by Kehoe. Motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor (Kehoe, Mitchell, Foulis, Saeger, Owens, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.

Haymaker trail dusk to dawn voluntary wildlife closure update

- Staff updated the Committee that the soonest a recommendation from the Committee could go to Council regarding a voluntary wildlife closure would be in January.
- Staff presented findings from research on voluntary closures implemented in other locations and a possible framework that could be implemented for Haymaker.
- The Committee discussed and agreed that additional data collection and information from experts would be helpful before providing a recommendation to Council.
- Committee members also thought a temporal winter wildlife closure would be better evaluated during a property management planning process (slated for 2023).
- The Committee accepted public comment.
- The Committee supported continued education about recreation with wildlife in mind.

MOTION to consider a voluntary or permanent dusk-to-dawn wildlife closure as part of the Haymaker area/ trail management planning process by Saeger and second by Kehoe. Motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor (Kehoe, Mitchell, Foulis, Saeger, Owens, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.

HTC/VVMTA wildlife communication project proposal presentation

- The Hardscrabble Trails Coalition (HTC) presented a new wildlife communication, outreach, and education campaign to the Committee.
- HTC has secured \$40,000 from the Eagle Ranch Wildlife Committee. HTC wanted to get OSRAC's thoughts on the proposal and a recommendation to present to Council.
- The Committee discussed the proposal.
- The Committee accepted public comment.

MOTION to support presenting the Hardscrabble Trails Coalition's 2023 Wildlife Outreach and Education Campaign proposal to Council by Owens and second by Kehoe. Motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Kehoe, Mitchell, Foulis, Owens, and Kirkman), 2 abstaining (Saeger and Hoban), and 0 opposed.

Pool and Ice trail and Haymaker Trail minor reroutes update

- Staff provided an update about recent trail maintenance and reroutes on the Haymaker and Pool and Ice trails. Both projects were identified in the Open Space and Trails Master Plan.

Potential OSRAC retreat brainstorming

- The Committee supported hosting an OSRAC retreat outside of the usual meetings in spring 2023.
- Staff will provide an update later in the winter.

New Business/ Future Agenda Items

- The January meeting date was moved from January 3 to January 10, 2023, owing to the holidays.

MOTION to ADJOURN at 11:02 a.m. by Saeger and second by Owens. Motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor (Kehoe, Mitchell, Foulis, Saeger, Owens, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.