



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Approved Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 9:00 AM
Council Chambers - Eagle Town Hall
200 Broadway Eagle, CO 81631**

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9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

Call to Order at: 9:10

Roll Call:

Committee members present: Ernest Saeger, Jessica Foulis, Rodger Mitchell, Phil Kirkman, Chris Kehoe, Erinn Hoban

Committee members absent: Lizzy Owens

Staff Present: Brian Lieberman

Town Council Present: Ellen Bodenheimer

9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

9:10 a.m. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

MOTION to approve the DECEMBER OSRAC meeting minutes by Foulis and second by Kehoe. Motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor (Kehoe, Mitchell, Foulis, Saeger, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) presentation concerning a potential dusk-to-dawn voluntary wildlife closure on the Haymaker Trail.

- Brian Wodrich, District Wildlife Manager for the Eagle area, presented information to the Committee regarding the potential benefits of a dusk-to-dawn closure for the Haymaker Trail.
- CPW recommended that the Committee consider a full seasonal closure for the Haymaker Trail and that it would be much more effective at reducing disturbance to wildlife than a dusk-to-dawn closure.
- The Committee asked CPW questions.
- The Committee discussed CPW's recommendations.
- The Committee accepted public comment.
- The Committee resolved to continue with the existing plan of addressing any potential use restrictions for the Haymaker trail during the Property Management Plan process slated for this year.

Election of Committee Officers

MOTION to nominate and support the current Committee Officers continuing their OSRAC appointments for 2023 as follows: Ernest Saeger as Chair, Jessica Foulis as Vice Chair, Erinn Hoban as Secretary, and Ellen Bodenheimer as Committee Coordinator. Motion made by Kehoe and second by Saeger. Motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor (Kehoe, Mitchell, Foulis, Saeger, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.

HTC/VVMTA wildlife communication project update

- Ernest Saeger with the Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance (VVMTA) and Nicky Asselin with the Hardscrabble Trails Coalition (HTC) provided an update to the Committee on the Eagle Wildlife communication and education project.
- VVMTA and HTC are working with 970 Design from Avon on communication for the campaign.
- All wildlife material and information will be reviewed by CPW and appropriate land managers before publication.
- The Campaign launch is scheduled for Feb. 21, 2023, at the Brush Creek Pavilion. The public and stakeholders will be invited to attend.

VVMTA Haymaker Bike Park planning update

- Ernest Saeger with the Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance (VVMTA) presented the final concept design for a bike park at the Haymaker Trailhead to the Committee.
- VVMTA has worked with Council and Town staff to identify the appropriate location that satisfies several long-term planning documents.
- VVMTA and Town staff are still working out logistics such as maintenance, vegetation, and watering.
- Saeger said that an RPF has been put out by the VVMTA for a contractor to do the work.

- Saeger said that the park will be closed from December 1 – April 15 for the protection of wildlife and natural resources.
- VVMTA intends to start construction of the park this spring. Completion of the project will depend on the final project cost and fundraising.

OSRAC retreat planning discussion

- The Committee provided the following guidance to staff for retreat planning:
 - o 10am – 3pm w/ working lunch (half day retreat)
 - o Location TBD – not in the Council Chambers
 - o Retreat will be scheduled between 3/13 – 3/24/23. End of the week works better. Staff will send out a doodle poll to determine the final date.
- Hiring a facilitator would be beneficial. Staff will look to see if this could be a possibility.
- Retreat planning around the implementation of the Open Space and Trails plan.

New Business/ Future Agenda Items

- None

MOTION to ADJOURN at 10:59 by Saeger and second by Foulis. Motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor (Kehoe, Mitchell, Foulis, Saeger, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.