



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Approved Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 7, 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: 9:02 a.m.

Roll Call:

Committee members present: Jessica Foulis, Erinn Hoban, Anna Nakae, Roger Mitchell, Lizzy Owens, Chris Kehoe, and Phillip Kirkman

Committee members absent: Ernest Saeger

Staff Present: Brian Lieberman

Town Council Present: Ellen Bodenheimier and Janet Bartnik

9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

9:10 a.m. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

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

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

Open space property management plans project update

- Staff provided an update on the Open space property management plans project.
- An RFP was released on 1/26/23, and proposals are due on 2/16/23.
- Staff aims to have a consultant selected to develop the plans in March.
- No Committee comments.

OSRAC retreat plan and update

- Staff provided an update on the 2023 OSRAC retreat planning.
- The Committee discussed the retreat date, structure, and prework.
- Two tentative dates for the retreat were 3/23/23 and 3/30/23. Staff is aiming for 9am-3pm with a working lunch at the Frost Creek clubhouse.
- Staff will virtually reach out to Committee members to schedule the retreat date.
- The Committee accepted public comment.
 - o A member of the public suggested that the Committee develop a standardized decision-making framework to help guide changes that impact the public.
 - o Committee members agreed that discussions on decision-making and transparency could be tackled at the retreat and/or during future meetings.

Hardscrabble Trails Coalition (HTC) Proposed Projects Environmental Analysis submission to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) discussion and update

- Staff updated the Committee on communication with the BLM and the next steps with Council for HTC's proposal to the BLM.
- Staff and HTC provided an overview of the proposal.
- A Committee member expressed interest in the BLM gaining a better understanding of recreational use on trails in the East Eagle area before changing management.
- HTC and the Committee supported leaving the top section of the Abrams Gulch trail open for administrative use. The Town and ranching lessee use this double track to access private property and fencing.
- Some Committee members would support the reroute of the Third Gulch trail if there were demonstrable natural resource benefits from rerouting the trail, such as improvements to erosion, sediment, and/or vegetation cover.
- The Committee accepted public comment.

Hardscrabble Trails Coalition/ Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance wildlife communication project update

- Staff and HTC updated the Committee on the Eagle area wildlife communication, outreach, and education project.
- Town Council will consider contributing funds to the project at the February 14 Council meeting.
- The Committee discussed the project.
- The Committee accepted public comment.

MOTION to recommend that the Council partner with the Hardscrabble Trails Coalition on the Eagle area wildlife communication campaign because it is consistent with and will support goals in the 2022 Open Space and Trails Master Plan by Foulis and second by Owens. Motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor (Foulis, Nakae, Mitchell, Owns, Kehoe, and Kirkman), 1 abstaining (Hoban), and 0 opposed.

New Business/ Future Agenda Items

- A Committee member suggested that Colorado Parks and Wildlife give an overview of the current herd (deer and elk) management plans that include the Eagle area during a future meeting.

MOTION to ADJOURN at 10:37am by Foulis and second by Owens. Motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor (Foulis, Nakae, Mitchell, Owns, Kehoe, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.