



Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 5, 2023, at 9:00 AM
Council Chambers - Eagle Town Hall
200 Broadway Eagle, CO 81631

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The public is invited to comment at the end of each agenda item

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

Call to Order at: 9:02

Roll Call:

Committee members present: Jessica Foulis, Ernest Saeger, Roger Michelle, Erinn Hoban, Lizzy Owens, and Phil Kirkman

Committee members absent: Chris Kehoe and Anna Nakae

Staff Present: Brian Lieberman (Open Space and Trails Manager)

Town Council Present: Ellen Bodenheimer

9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A member of the public commented that the trails are being used but are not being maintained and that erosion is substantial.

- A member of the public asked why “wildlife” was not mentioned in OSRAC’s new proposed mission statement.

9:10 a.m. APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES

MOTION to approve the July OSRAC meeting minutes by Owens and second by Foulis. Motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor (Lizzy Owens, Erinn Hoban, Ernest Saeger, Jess Foulis, Phil Kirkman, Roger Michelle) and 0 opposed.

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

Citizen Request: Mayor Gulch Trail Proposal

- Staff presented a trail proposal from a member of the public to the east of the existing Mayer Gulch trail. It was proposed in the gully.
- The member of the public who proposed the trail presented to the Committee. Per section 6.04 of the Eagle Municipal Code, members of the public can propose a new trail.
- One of the main concerns and reasons for proposing the trail was to help improve user safety and alleviate conflict.
- The Committee accepted public comment on the trail proposal.
- Members of the Committee thought it would be best to look into projects/ management actions that could help improve safety and minimize conflict without building a new trail.
- Safety measures are already in place on the trail such as signage and increased outreach.
- Staff will further evaluate existing conditions on the trail and report back to the Committee.

Open Space Management Plan: Preliminary draft plan and recommendations review and presentation

- ERO Resources is developing Open Space Management Plans for the Town of Eagle.
- ERO presented the preliminary draft management plans and policy recommendations to the Committee.
- The Plans include an overall assessment of resources with recommendations that can move forward as soon as the plan is adopted. ERO also included recommended steps on the three larger policy concerns including Haymaker seasonal closure, Second Gulch motorized width restrictions, and E-bikes on natural surface trails in open space.
- The draft plans and policy recommendations can be viewed on the Town website under the 9/5/23 OSRAC meeting.
- The Committee accepted public comment.
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife requested that the entire Haymaker trail be subject to the seasonal closure in the winter.
- ERO will incorporate comments from the 9/5/23 meeting to develop revised drafts of the management plans and policy recommendations. These will be presented to the public at a public open house on 10/18/23.
- Subsequently, final drafts will be presented to the Committee in November with the request to recommend them for adoption by the Town Council.

New Business/ Future Agenda Items

- The Town has been a cooperating agency with the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) regarding oil and gas leases on lands

managed by the agency. That SEIS is currently available for public comment on the BLM's website.

MOTION to ADJOURN at 11:17 by Saeger and second by Kirkman. Motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor (Lizzy Owens, Erinn Hoban, Ernest Saeger, Jess Foulis, Phil Kirkman, Roger Michelle) and 0 opposed.