



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Approved Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 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:

Roll Call:

Committee members present: Roger Mitchell, Phil Kirkman, Ernest Saeger, Erinn Hoban, Anna Nakea, and Jessica Foulis joined briefly at the end.

Committee members absent: Jessica Foulis, Lizzy Owens and Chris Kehoe

Staff Present: Brian Lieberman, OST Manager; Ryan Goebel, IT Manager; and Melissa Daruna, Assistant Town Manager

Town Council Present: Ellen Bodenheimer

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 Nakea. Motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Mitchell, Saeger, Nakea, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

2024 Open Space Management Plan Priorities and Work Plan Presentation

- Staff presented the Open Space Management Plan 2024 Work Plan to the Committee. The Work Plan details the priority projects and operation strategies for achieving goals identified in the Management Plans for the 2024 calendar year.
- The Work Plans include a budget for the overarching categories from the Management Plans. They also include the source of funding and partnerships to accomplish goals.
- The department hopes to receive grant funding for noxious weed treatments and contributions from the Eagle Ranch Wildlife Committee for signage projects.
- Staff are utilizing the natural resource data and recommendations in the Management Plans to evaluate and adjust general program operations- all with the goal of accomplishing objectives identified in the Management Plans.
- The Committee discussed the Work Plans and asked the staff questions.
- The Committee accepted public comment.
- Staff will keep the Committee updated on progress for the Work Plans.
- Staff will use the Management Plans and the Work Plans to inform the 2025 budget.

Respect the Wild Update

- Nicky Asselin, Development Manager for the Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance (VVMTA), presented an update on the Respect the Wild Campaign for winter 2023-2024.
- Nicky presented the goals of the program, data collected so far this winter, staff time associated with the campaign, and accomplishments so far.
- A VVMTA staff person has been averaging 20 hours per week at Eagle Trailheads providing education on responsible recreation. At times, the staff person has been joined by volunteers.
 - o The focus has been on the Haymaker trail. There were questions about whether some time should be spent on the Eagle Ranch Golf Course.
- The Committee discussed the campaign and asked questions.

New Business/ Future Agenda Items

- None.

10:20 a.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION to move into Executive Session to consider the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal or other property as it relates to open space pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a) and (E) by Saeger and second by Nakea. Motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Mitchell, Saeger, Nakea, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session by Saeger and seconded by Foulis. Motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor (Mitchell, Saeger, Nakea, Kirkman, Foulis, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.

MOTION to recommend that the Town of Eagle pursue an acquisition of a private parcel in West Eagle for open space in partnership with Eagle County Open Space and other potential funding partners by Saeger and second by Hoban. The motion passed with 4 votes in favor (Mitchell, Saeger, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 votes opposed.

11:00 a.m. ADJOURN

MOTION to ADJOURN at 11:04 by Saeger and second by Mitchell. Motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Mitchell, Saeger, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.