



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Approved Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 2, 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: 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call:

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

Committee members absent: Chris Kehoe

Staff Present: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager and Mellisa Durna, Assistant Town Manager

Town Council Present: Ellen Bodenheimer

9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

9:10 a.m. APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

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

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

2024 Eagle Wildfire Mitigation Projects Presentation

- Hugh Fairfield-Smith, Fire Management Officer (FMO) with the Eagle River Fire Protection District and chair of Eagle Valley Wildland, presented the proposed fuel mitigation projects on town open space properties for 2024.
- Proposed projects include prescribed burns in the open space properties near Brush Creek and some thinning projects in Eagle Ranch open space properties.
 - o Thinning projects will target sick and dead pinion and juniper pine trees.
- Hugh noted that sage flats and hillsides are naturally being overtaken by Pinion Pine and Juniper. Helping hold this encroachment back will improve the water table and improve wildlife habitat.
- The Committee discussed the projects and provided feedback to Hugh.
- In general, the Committee was supportive of the projects, and no significant concerns were raised.
- No comments from the public.

OSRAC Vacancy Update

- Staff told the Committee that there were 5 applicants for the OSRAC vacancy as of April 2 at 9am.
- Applications will be accepted until April 5th.
- Applications will be reviewed by OSRAC in May to offer a recommendation to the Council for an appointment.

Open Space Management Plan Projects and Partnerships Updates

- Staff told the Committee that the Eagle Ranch Wildlife Committee (ERWC) has been interested in funding projects on Town open space properties that would improve vegetation cover for wildlife.
 - o The main focus would be improving vegetation cover for wildlife.
- The 2024 Open Space Management Plans identify areas with disturbed or impaired vegetation.
 - o Should the ERWC be interested in tackling a vegetation project, staff suggested that they could use the Management Plan to understand priority areas for revegetation projects.
- Current partnership is being established with TOE Staff and ERWC along with other organizations to assist with restoration.
- The Committee was generally supportive of this partnership, but had some concerns:
 - o Is the current proposed contractor qualified to complete the work?
 - o Should the committee interview other interested contractors before committing?
 - o Should we take a phased approach to ensure the method is working?
 - o We need a monitoring component for the project.
 - o Concerns about revegetation projects along Brush Creek because there are other proposed restoration projects.

- Staff will raise these concerns with the ERWC and will follow up with the Committee.

New Business/ Future Agenda Items

- Staff has been coordinating with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) about the need for any extended wildlife closures. Currently, it seems unlikely any closures would need to be extended in the Eagle area.
 - o Staff will continue to coordinate with CPW if a need should arise.
- A Committee member expressed concern about the dog park not being fenced. They thought a fence would benefit the surrounding wildlife habitat and safety for dogs using the park.
 - o Staff said there is money in the 2024 budget for dog park projects. Staff will look into what this funding is slated for and update the Committee.

10:30 a.m. ADJOURN

MOTION to ADJOURN at 10:15 by Saeger and second by Foulis. Motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor (Mitchell, Nakae, Foulis, Saeger, Owens, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.