



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, August 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

9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items; 3-Minute Limit Please)

9:10 a.m. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

9:13 a.m. APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

9:15 a.m. (40 min) Budget presentation and discussion

9:55 a.m. (20 min) OSRAC term renewals updates

10:15 a.m. (15 min) Haymaker reroute updates

10:30 a.m. (20 min) Open space project updates

- I. Restoration RFP
- II. Interpretive signage

10:50 a.m. (10 min) New Business/ Future Agenda items

11:00 a.m. ADJOURN



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Unapproved Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 9:00 AM
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9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

Call to Order at:

Roll Call:

Committee members present: Ernest Seager, Roger Mitchell, Dan Lambert, Phil Kirkman, and Erinn Hoban

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

Staff Present: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Town Council Present: Ellen Bodenheimer

Adoption Of Agenda:

MOTION to adopt the Agenda as presented by Seager and seconded by Lambert. Motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Seager, Mitchell, Kirkman, Lambert, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.

9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

9:10 a.m. APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES

MOTION to approve the June OSRAC meeting minutes by Lambert and second by Kirkman. Motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Seager, Mitchell, Kirkman, Lambert, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

Eagle Trail Projects Update

- Staff with the Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance (VVMTA) provided an update on the progress of implementing projects on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that were approved in the recent Environmental Assessment (EA).
- The “Good Bit” at the bottom of the Boneyard, the reroute of Dirt Surfer, and the climb on Abrams Gulch have all been completed and are open to the public.
- VVMTA staff and Hardscrabble Trails Coalition (HTC) volunteers will continue working on approved projects throughout the summer.
 - o Abrams ridge road reroute is nearing completion
 - o Mike’s night out hike-a-bike reroute section is in progress
 - o VVMTA/HTC are considering a trail contractor to complete the Road Gulch Reroute.
- No comments from the public.

Soil and Plant Analysis Project Update

- Staff informed the Committee that the Open Space Department and the Eagle Ranch Wildlife Committee (ERWC) have entered into an agreement to permit the Committee to complete some soil and vegetation analysis on open space properties.
 - o ERWC will fund the work.
 - o All of the analyses are identified and recommended in the 2023 Open Space and Trails Management Plans.
 - o The results of the analyses will be used to make recommendations for restoration and vegetation management projects. These would all require additional approval from the Town.
- No comments from the public.

Eagle Municipal Code Title 6 Review Update

- Staff informed the Committee that a review of Title 6 will likely start this fall.
- Staff intends to focus on known problem areas to address first. A full review will occur over the coming years.
- Staff will engage the Committee for any proposed changes before sending them to the Town Council.
- No comments from the public.

New Business

- Staff informed the Committee that the Rocky Mountain Sport Riders submitted a proposal for approximately 5.6 miles of new trail in the western side of the Hardscrabble zone. This area is outside the study area for the 2022 Open Space and Trails Master Plan. The Bureau of Land Management is accepting public comment on the trail proposal through July 12, 2024. No comments from the Committee.
- Staff will be engaging a trail contractor to complete minor reroutes on the Haymaker berm decent for the High School Race. Staff received 20 comments from the public on the project and most were supportive of the project.
- Staff will present a draft 2025 budget to the Committee at the next meeting.

Future Agenda Items

- A committee member suggested that OSRAC should reach out to the new Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain Sport Riders. Staff will reach out and invite her to a future meeting.
- Staff are still working on a joint session between OSRAC and the Town Council. More details are forthcoming.

10:30 a.m. ADJOURN

MOTION to ADJOURN at 10:10 by Saeger and second by Lambert. Motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Seager, Mitchell, Kirkman, Lambert, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.



To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee (OSRAC)

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: August 6, 2024

Agenda Item: Budget presentation and discussion

REQUEST: Staff will present highlights from the proposed 2025 Open Space Operating and Capital budgets and invite discussion and feedback from the Committee.

BACKGROUND: Staff are preparing the 2025 Open Space Preservation Fund budget and seek feedback from the Committee on project and operation priorities. Staff are in the early stages of budget development and the budget presented to the Committee will likely change as the Town goes through the budget process. The final budget adoption is slated for the end of November.

ANALYSIS: Staff will present highlights from the proposed 2025 Open Space operating and Capital budgets and invite discussion and feedback from the Committee.

COMMUNITY INPUT: Community input can be collected during this meeting. The final budget approval is done through several public hearings with the Town Council, during which the community will have the opportunity to comment on the drafts of the budget.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT / STANDARDS ACHIEVED: Staff utilize long-range planning documents, such as the 2021 Elevate Eagle Comprehensive Plan, the 2022 Open Space and Trails Master Plan, and the 2023 Open Space Management Plans, to help establish budgets and priorities.

RECOMMEND ACTION OR PROPOSED MOTION: None.

ATTACHMENTS: None. The budget will be presented at the meeting.



To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee (OSRAC)

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: August 6, 2024

Agenda Item: OSRAC term renewals updates

REQUEST: None. Staff will provide an update on staggering Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee (OSRAC) terms.

BACKGROUND: The OSRAC was established in late 2020, and all appointments to the Committee were 4-year terms ending in December 2024 (per the Committee Bylaws). For the most part, any Committee vacancies were appointed to fulfill the remaining terms of existing Committee members.

With December 2024 approaching, staff, Committee members, and Council Members expressed concern with the vast majority of Committee members' terms ending at the same time and recommended that staff determine ways to stagger the term dates.

Currently, 5 members of the Committee are original appointments, leaving 3 members who were appointed when a former member left.

Staff proposes that the terms of the 3 newer members and 1 existing member (selected at random) be extended until 2026.

This would leave 4 seats that either turnover or are up for renewal (max 2 terms) in December 2024. Two years later, the other 4 seats will either turnover or will be up for renewal.

This will require amending the Bylaws, and it could be a good subject to discuss with the Council at the upcoming joint OSRAC/ Council work session.

All Committee members interested in a second term will need to reapply.

RECOMMEND ACTION OR PROPOSED MOTION: None.

ATTACHMENTS: The Committee Bylaws can be viewed on the website at this Link:
<https://www.townofeagle.org/941/Open-Space-Recreation-Advisory-Committee>.



To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: August 6, 2024

Agenda Item: Haymaker reroute updates

REQUEST: None. Staff will provide an update on reroutes to the Haymaker Trail completed last month.

BACKGROUND: In 2022, the Town of Eagle adopted its first-ever Open Space and Trails Plan (“OST Plan”). Among other things, the plan evaluated trail conditions and provided recommendations to improve sections of trail that were unsustainable or in poor condition.

The OST Plan, developed with the active participation of our community, identified the berm descent on the Haymaker Trail as an area that could benefit from trail work to reduce steep and straight-away sections. The old berms also required a significant amount of annual maintenance.

In 2023, the Town took a significant step towards improving the trail's sustainability by hiring a professional trail builder to reroute sections of the Haymaker berm descent. This work was highly successful, improving sustainability and reducing maintenance needs. The improved trail sections feature the following:

- More sustainable berms – the new larger berms were built to slow erosion over time. The larger berms also have a wider riding surface to spread wear and tear throughout the trail.
- More turns and grade reversals- decreasing straight-aways in the trail ensures water does not run down the trail surface, and the features slow the speeds down on the trail and reduce brake bumps.

Although the trail maintenance and minor reroutes have been beneficial for trail sustainability, some of the new trail features and grade reversals prevented the high school league from using the berm section of the trail during their annual race last year.

Some of the large grade reversals minimized sightlines to help slow speeds down. The High School Mountain Bike League (“League”) felt that they presented a potential hazard for races.

The Haymaker Trail was designed to meet certain specs to accommodate the League races and the races have occurred annually on the trail for over ten years.

The Town heard strong support from parents, racers, and community members that they would like the race to be moved back to the Haymaker berms. Subsequently, Town staff walked the trail alignment with a professional trail builder and the League staff to identify the areas of concern and discuss potential solutions.

Staff solicited feedback for the proposed trail work in June and July. Most comments received were very supportive of the work with only two of 20 comments requesting that the trail remain the same.

Staff hired a professional trail builder in July to complete the work, which required closing the trail for four days.

COMMUNITY INPUT: Staff solicited feedback for the proposed trail work in June and July. Most comments received were very supportive of the work with only two of 20 comments requesting that the trail remain the same.

BUDGET/ STAFF IMPACT: The reroutes cost \$7,500 in labor and about \$1,400 to rent equipment.

RECOMMEND ACTION OR PROPOSED MOTION: None.

ATTACHMENTS: None.



To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: August 6, 2024

Agenda Item: Open space project updates

REQUEST: None. Staff will provide an update on two 2024 Open Space capital projects.

BACKGROUND:

- Open Space Restoration Project

Staff released an RFP in mid-July for assessment, design, permitting, and construction/implementation services to address two impaired areas in Town open space properties. The two areas were identified in the 2023 Open Space Management Plans.

The first area is the lower Brush Creek corridor. The Brush Creek project area includes two open space properties owned by the Town along the lower reach of Brush Creek. The properties adjoin both sides of Capital Street near the Brush Creek Pavilion. Brush Creek traverses through both properties.

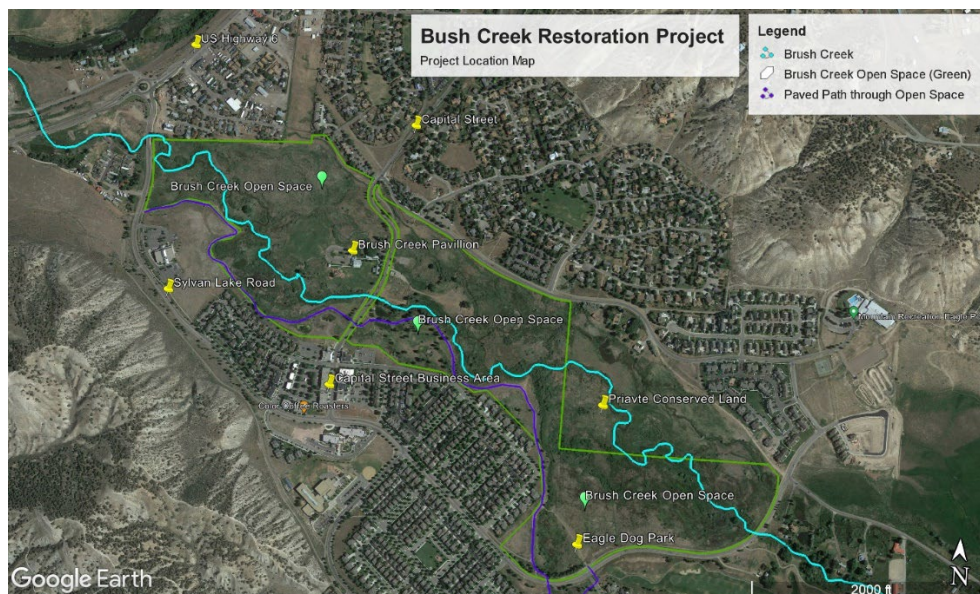


Figure 1: Map of the Brush Creek project area. The two Town owned open space properties are outlined in green, with Brush Creek labeled in light blue.

The “Johnsons Corner and Brush Creek Open Space Management Plan” details the natural resources issues identified: “The Brush Creek riparian corridor would benefit from bank stabilization and vegetative enhancements to improve ecological diversity and to stabilize the system.”

The second area is Hernage Creek. The Hernage Creek project area is located in the open space property between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) boundary and Hernage Creek Road (see Figure 2). The reach is approximately 1.7 miles.



Figure 2: Map of the Hernage Creek project area. Town owned open space properties are outlined in green, with Hernage Creek labeled in blue. The project area is outlined in yellow. The project area is located just south of Hernage Creek Road.

The “Abrams Creek Eagle Ranch Open Space Management Plan” details the natural resources issues identified: “Hernage Creek is experiencing erosion and channel downcutting, which has stressed and degraded the riparian community.”

Proposals are due by August 12, 2024. Staff hope to start assessment, design, and permitting work in 2024. Ideally, construction/implementation would be completed by the end of 2025. However, it may extend to 2026.

- Interpretive Signage

For the past year, staff have been working with a design firm, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and Walking Mountains Science Center to develop interpretive signage for the paved path along Brush Creek. The signage will focus on educational material about local wildlife including information about how to mitigate impacts on wildlife while recreating, the importance of keeping distance from wildlife (particularly in winter), the need to keep dogs on a leash, and the significance of respecting seasonal wildlife trail and open space closures. All signs will be bilingual.

The signs are being fabricated and are expected to be installed by the end of September. The Eagle Ranch Wildlife Committee contributed funding to the project.

RECOMMEND ACTION OR PROPOSED MOTION: None.

ATTACHMENTS: None.