



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Approved Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 9, 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: 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.