



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 3, 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 AUGUST MINUTES

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

9:15 a.m. (30 min) Rocky Mountain Sport Riders Executive Director Introduction and Discussion

9:45 a.m. (15 min) OSRAC Vacancy and Terms Update

10:00 a.m. (30 min) Bylaws and Topic preparation for joint OSRAC<>Council Work Session

10:30 a.m. (15 min) Hockett Gulch Town Open Space Staff Presentation

10:45 a.m. (15 min) New Business/ Future Agenda items

11:00 a.m. ADJOURN



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Unapproved Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 9:00 AM
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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: Dan Lambert, Ernest Saeger, Jessica Foulis, Phil Kirkman, Rodger Mitchell, Erinn Hoban, and Chris Kehoe

Committee members absent: None.

Staff Present: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Town Council Present: None.

9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kate Sheldon made the following comments:
 - o Signs on Meyer Gulch for consideration on yield to uphill traffic and a speed limit on Mayer Gulch.
 - o Brush Creek speed limit enforcement.

- Barbed wire on Brush Creek Road that needs to be removed.
- Signage in high-user conflict areas for wildlife (on Brush Creek Road).
- Revenue Generators – Request to update the Code to match Gypsum since OSRAC is perpetually underfunded. Including increasing fees.
- Consideration of College Intern to assist with backlog work.
- Extend trail closures to June 1 as Pitkin County has.

9:10 a.m. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION to adopt the Agenda as presented by Seager and seconded by Lambert. Motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor (Kehoe, Seager, Mitchell, Kirkman, Hoban, Lambert, and Foulis) and 0 opposed.

9:13 a.m. APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES

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

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

Budget presentation and discussion

- Staff presented the proposed 2025 Open Space Preservation Fund budget to the Committee.
 - Staff indicated that the budget would change as the Town moves through the budget development process.
 - Staff said the goal is to have the 2025 budget adopted by November 2024.
- Staff invited discussion and feedback from the Committee on the timing and prioritization of projects and activities in the budget.
- The Committee discussed the budget.
- The Committee accepted public comments.
 - Suggestion for the Hockett Gulch property to be subject to a plan for protection of winter wildlife.
 - Suggestion for the proposed Open Space Ranger position to be a fully commissioned and POST-certified police officer.

OSRAC term renewal updates

- Staff informed the Committee that they are working with the Town's legal counsel to determine the best way to stagger Committee terms so that not all terms will be up at the same time.
- On the Committee during the meeting date, there were Four original members who started in 2021 and three members who were appointed later on when an original member resigned.
 - Staff are suggesting that all new members' terms be extended to 2026 and all original member terms be up in 2024. This would stagger four members to turn over every two years.
- There were no concerns from the Committee with this proposal.
- Staff will present this to the Town Council. If there are no concerns from the Council, staff will work with the Town's legal counsel to enact it and amend the Bylaws as necessary.
- The Committee accepted public comment.

- Suggestion that no terms should be extended.
- Suggestion that better representation from retired individuals is needed on the Committee.

Haymaker reroute updates

- Improvements for the Haymaker Berms to help with the high school race. Also, improvements on sightlines and water abatement.
- Public comment was positive to reroutes to get kids back on the trail.
- Removal of the wood ramp at the bottom was important as the foundation had failed.
- No comments from the public.

Open space project updates

- Staff updated the Committee on two Open Space capital projects.
 - Open Space restoration projects
 - Open Space interpretive signage projects.
- The Committee discussed the projects. No concerns with the staff's current projections and schedules.
- The Committee accepted public comment.
 - Ground Squirrels eradication Foxes and Coyotes are no longer in the Haystacker area and concerns about current spraying.

New Business

- Considerations for an Intern if that is helpful for Staff
- Staff will address some of Kate Sheldon's concerns proposed during Public Comments, specifically signage on Meyer Gulch Trail. Staff believe it is already substantial, but Staff could work with the public to identify if there are more pinch points.
- Lizzy Owens has left the Committee. More details will be forthcoming on posting the vacancy.
- Staff will email the Committee the final date for the joint OSRAC/ Town Council work session.
- Staff to find out if there is a seasonal closure on the new Hockett Gulch (The Pike) perimeter trail. The trail is not open to the public yet.

Future Agenda Items

- Proposal for an OSRAC hike or field trip to see projects that are new in our open space. Maybe once the signage is up in the Brush Creek open space.

10:23 a.m. ADJOURN

MOTION to ADJOURN at 10:23 by Saeger and second by Foulis. Motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor (Kehoe, Mitchell, Foulis, Saeger, Owens, Kirkman, and Hoban) and 0 opposed.



To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee (OSRAC)

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: September 3, 2024

Agenda Item: Rocky Mountain Sport Riders Executive Director Introduction and Discussion

REQUEST: None.

BACKGROUND: “The Rocky Mountain Sport Riders (RMSR) is a family oriented motorcycle club dedicated to preserving and expanding riding opportunities for members and others who enjoy riding dirt bikes in Colorado.” The group was a stakeholder during the development of the 2022 Open Space and Trails Master Plan. More information about the organization can be found on their website: <https://rmsrco.com/>.

RMSR recently hired its first Executive Director, Jen Swisher. Jen will attend the meeting to introduce herself and RMSR. This will be a good opportunity to identify common goals and learn more about RMSR's goals and objectives in the area.

RECOMMEND ACTION OR PROPOSED MOTION: None.

ATTACHMENTS: None.



To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee (OSRAC)

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: September 3, 2024

Agenda Item: OSRAC Vacancy Update

REQUEST: Staff requests that the Committee provide guidance on the timing for posting a vacancy on OSRAC.

BACKGROUND: A member of OSRAC resigned from the Committee in early August, leaving a vacancy. Staff is seeking guidance from the Committee on the timing for posting a vacancy on OSRAC.

At the August OSRAC meeting, staff presented a plan to address staggering term limits to prevent the entire committee's terms from expiring at the same time. More about this proposal can be found in the August OSRAC meeting packet at this link:

<https://eagleco.portal.civicclerk.com/event/2148/files/agenda/3955>.

Staff would like to understand if the Committee would prefer that staff advertise the vacancy prior to implementing a plan to stagger Committee term limits or if it should wait until after this has been enacted.

ANALYSIS: If the Committee feels that it is in need of an alternate member to ensure quorums are being met for every meeting, then it should prioritize finding a new member. If quorums are being met, staff feels it would be beneficial to advertise the vacancy for the updated term rather than changing directly after a new committee member is appointed.

Staff hope to have the term limits addressed by mid-October.

RECOMMEND ACTION OR PROPOSED MOTION: Staff requests that the Committee provide guidance on the timing for posting a vacancy on OSRAC.

ATTACHMENTS: None.



To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee (OSRAC)

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: September 3, 2024

Agenda Item: Bylaws and Topic Preparation for Joint OSRAC<>Council Work Session

REQUEST: Staff requests that the Committee narrow down the list of topics it would like to discuss with the Council at the joint OSRAC/ Council work session in October.

BACKGROUND: A joint OSRAC/ Council work session will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 4 p.m. OSRAC members requested the session to discuss overlapping goals and projects.

OSRAC has identified several preliminary topics to discuss with the Council at the work session, including:

- Attendance policy for committee members
- Role of the committee in evaluating/ recommending new committee members when there is a vacancy
- Proposed Open Space Ranger position
 - Leash law conversation/ dog park/ enforcement
- OS budgeting priorities
- How best to communicate and work collaboratively
- Code review

Staff requests that the Committee identify priority issues to discuss with the Council at the work session.

RECOMMEND ACTION OR PROPOSED MOTION: Staff requests that the Committee narrow down the list of topics it would like to discuss with the Council at the joint OSRAC/ Council work session in October.

ATTACHMENTS: None.



To: Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee (OSRAC)

From: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Date: September 3, 2024

Agenda Item: Hockett Gulch Town Open Space Staff Presentation

REQUEST: Staff will present the current status for recreation and natural resource management of the new open space acquired through the Reserve at Hockett Gulch development, including the winter trail management.

BACKGROUND: Through the Reserve at Hockett Gulch development, the Town acquired 3.5 acres of open space on the southeastern side of the development. The Reserve at Hockett Gulch development now hosts the Pike Apartments.

The open space parcel has an approximately ¼ mile trail that connects to other sidewalks and a perimeter trail around the Pike Apartments. Otherwise, the open space parcel has pretty steep slopes, sage, pinion, juniper, and some grasses. Most of the property faces north.

According to the PUD guide for the development, the use of the open space is restricted to the trail for non-motorized uses. Dirt bike use may be permitted should a connection to public lands from the adjacent property be established.

The Town will be responsible for open space maintenance such as noxious weed control.

Through the development process, the open space parcel and trail are not subject to any seasonal use restrictions. As there are no requirements for seasonal use restrictions from the development process, establishing use restrictions requires the Town Council to pass legislation enacting the change.

Per the Town of Eagle Code, establishing seasonal use restrictions requires the Council to pass a resolution.

Guidance for seasonal closures on new trails and recreation opportunities was addressed in [The 2022 Open Space and Trails Master Plan](#). The plan includes the following language (page 39):

P2 – Seasonal Wildlife Closures: With seasonal wildlife closures, work to balance consistency, changing habitat needs of wildlife, and winter recreation opportunities. All recreational opportunities in mapped wintering range and/or other environmentally vulnerable areas will be

considered for seasonal wildlife closures. Dates will be determined in partnership with CPW, BLM, and any other applicable land managers.

RECOMMEND ACTION OR PROPOSED MOTION: Provide guidance to staff if the Committee is interested in reviewing additional information to determine if it should make any recommendations to the Council regarding seasonal use restrictions for the Hockett Gulch open space property.

ATTACHMENTS:



Map 1: The approximate location of the Town owned Hockett Gulch Open Space is in green. The property is 3.5 acres and has a trail that connects the new Hockett Gulch Trailhead with other interior trails in the development.