



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Approved Meeting Minutes
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

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, Seager, Mitchell, Kirkman, Hoban, Lambert, and Foulis) 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, Seager, Mitchell, Kirkman, Hoban, Lambert, and Foulis) and 0 opposed.