



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Approved Meeting Minutes
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

Call to Order at: 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call:

Committee members present: Dan Lambert, Ernest Seager, Jessica Foulis, Phil Kirkman, Chris Kehoe, Roger Mitchell, and Erinn Hoban.

Committee members absent: None.

Staff Present: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Town Council Present: Ellen Bodenheimer

9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A member of the public expressed concern that full-size OHVs cannot access public lands from the Town of Eagle. They suggested that the Town play a greater role in determining this solution or revisit the Second Gulch access issue.

- A member of the public thought the Town and the Committee need to make it a higher priority to address the motorized access issue from the Town of Eagle to public lands.

9:10 a.m. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

9:13 a.m. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES

MOTION to approve the August OSRAC meeting minutes by Ernest with removing Owens from the motion to adjourn and adding Lambert, second by Lambert. Motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor (Kehoe, Seager, Mitchell, Hoban, Kirkman, Lambert, and Foulis) and 0 opposed.

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

Rocky Mountain Sport Riders (RMSR) Executive Director Introduction and Discussion

- Jen Swisher, the new Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain Sport Riders, presented to the Committee.
- Jen touched on the larger mission of the organization and how the Committee and RMSR could determine and work towards common goals.
- The Committee discussed and asked questions.
- The Committee accepted public comment.

OSRAC Vacancy and Terms Update

- Staff asked the Committee if the members would like to prioritize filling the vacant position on the Committee or wait until the new term limits are set before advertising the vacancy.
- Staff recommended that the Committee wait until the new term limits are set unless members feel they are struggling to form a quorum.
- The Committee supported staffs approach.
- The Committee accepted public comment.

Bylaws and Topic Preparation for joint OSRAC<>Council Work Session

- Staff requested that the Committee prepare a list of topics that members would like to discuss with the Town Council at the upcoming joint work session.
- Some topics brought up include:
 - o Attendance policy for committee members
 - o Role of the committee in evaluating/ recommending new committee members when there is a vacancy
 - o Proposed Open Space Ranger position
 - o Leash law conversation/ dog park/ enforcement
 - o OS budgeting priorities
 - o How best to communicate and work collaboratively
 - o Code review

- General feeling that OSRAC needs to get better direction from the Council on how the Committee can support the Council and Town goals.
- The Committee accepted public comment.

Hockett Gulch Town Open Space Staff Presentation

- At a former OSRAC meeting, a Committee member requested that staff determine the winter closure restrictions for the new Hockett Gulch open space adjacent to the Pike Development.
- Staff presented the existing regulations, noting that the PUD (nor any other agreement) did not require any seasonal use restrictions.
 - o Therefore, according to the Town Code, a resolution would need to be passed by the Council to enact seasonal use restrictions.
- Brian Woodrich, District Wildlife Manager for Colorado Parks and Wildlife, attended the meeting and recommended that the property and trail be subject to the existing open space closure of December 1 – April 15 annually.
- The Committee expressed interest in considering a seasonal closure on this property.
 - o Staff and the Committee want to check in with the Council first before considering a recommendation from the Committee.
 - o Staff will check in with the Council and return to the Committee.
- The Committee accepted public comment.

New Business

- A Committee member would like to get outside to look at a project or do a site visit. This could be an open house opportunity, and the community and committee would be invited.
- High school race this weekend.
- An RFP has been posted for updates on the Dog Park.
- The Ground Up was on TOE OS properties collecting soil samples, which will help provide information to the Town Staff. An update is coming soon.

Future Agenda Items

- Lambert suggested that the Committee continue to explore motorized access from the Town of Eagle to public lands for full-size OHVs. He suggested that the Town revisit the Second Gulch Issue.
 - o The majority of the Committee did not support revisiting the Second Gulch issue. The Committee cited overwhelming support for keeping the 50-inch rule on Second Gulch and a lack of any new information to justify revisiting the issue.
 - o Town staff is staying engaged in the conversation about alternative methods for full-size OHVs to access public lands from the Town of Eagle and will keep the Committee posted.

11:00 a.m. ADJOURN

MOTION to ADJOURN at 11:10 a.m. by Saeger and second by Foulis. Motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor (Kehoe, Seager, Mitchell, Hoban, Kirkman, Lambert, and Foulis) and 0 opposed.