



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Approved Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 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: 9:01am

Roll Call:

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

Committee members absent: Erinn Hoban

Staff Present: Brian Lieberman, Open Space and Trails Manager

Town Council Present: Ellen Bodenhemier

9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

9:10 a.m. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented by Seager and second by Foulis. Motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor (Seager, Mitchell, Kirkman, Lambert, Kehoe, and Foulis) and 0 opposed.

9:13 a.m. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

MOTION to approve the November OSRAC meeting minutes by Lambert and second by Seager. Motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor (Seager, Mitchell, Kirkman, Lambert, Kehoe, and Foulis) and 0 opposed.

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

Bureau of Land Management E-bike Environmental Assessment Collaboration Discussion

- Staff informed the Committee that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Upper Colorado River Valley Field Office intends to evaluate class-1 pedal assist e-bike (e-bike) use on non-motorized bike trails throughout the field office during the 2025 winter.
 - o This includes non-motorized trails on BLM lands in the East Eagle and Hardscrabble areas adjacent to Town.
 - o The BLM prefers to evaluate all trails within the field office this winter. However, they will not open non-motorized trails to e-bikes unless neighboring land managers do so as well and the local community is supportive.
- Staff requested initial thoughts and direction from the Committee on how to proceed.
- The Committee discussed the topic.
- The Committee accepted public comment.
- The Committee would like to learn more information about the process from the BLM.
- The Committee and staff thought additional community input on this topic would be paramount before moving through an e-bike evaluation on open space properties adjacent to the BLM.
- The Committee would like to understand if staff have the capacity to effectively evaluate e-bike use this winter/spring and if a budget item would need to be allocated to assist with the evaluation and community engagement.
- Staff will invite the BLM to attend the February 2025 OSRAC meeting to answer additional questions about the e-bike evaluation process.
- Staff will provide some budget numbers and some options for proceeding with community engagement and local evaluation of open space trails at the February 2025 meeting.

OSRAC Vacancy Evaluation Recommendation

Motion to recommend that the Town Council review the scoring rubric provided by OSRAC when considering committee appointments by Seager and second by Lambert. Motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor (Seager, Mitchell, Kirkman, Lambert, Kehoe, and Foulis) and 0 opposed.

New Business

- Staff said that they will bring the recommendation to enact seasonal use restrictions on tract OS-1 of the Reserve at Hockett Gulch to the Town Council in January 2025. Until that time, the

parcel will remain open. Staff will post educational signage about recreation and wildlife on the property.

- Seasonal wildlife closures for Eagle open space and trails started on December 1. Staff closed the gates, added educational signage about the closures, and posted information on social media.
- Staff continue to work on the proposed Open Space Ranger position. The position is in the final budget proposal, which will be adopted on December 10. Subsequently (and if the position is approved), staff will work on developing funding agreements with the partners, code amendments, and developing the overall program.

Future Agenda Items

- A Committee member requested that staff present the 2025 adopted Open Space budget to the Committee in January.

11:00 a.m. ADJOURN

MOTION to ADJOURN at 10:39 a.m. by Seager and second by Lambert. Motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor (Seager, Mitchell, Kirkman, Lambert, Kehoe, and Foulis) and 0 opposed.