



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Approved Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 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: Ernest Saeger, Chris Cohen, Roger Mitchell, Jessica Foulis, Ryan Gilmer, Chris Kehoe (Online)

Committee members absent: Dan Lambert, Phil Kirkman

Staff Present: Alex Smiley, Open Space and Trails Manager; Tom Gosiorowski, Public Works Director; Nikki Davis, Economic Development and Housing Specialist

Town Council Present: Ellen Bodenhemier

9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Christian (Eagle Ranch) urged OSRAC to recommend no additional motorized or e-motorized access to Town or BLM open space, citing ecological impacts near Spring Creek Trailhead. He requested field visits and noted strong public support for wildlife and habitat protection over new recreation development.

9:10 a.m. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION to adopt the Agenda as presented by Saeger and second by Foulis. Motion passed unanimously.

9:13 a.m. APPROVAL OF JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST MINUTES

MOTION to approve the September OSRAC meeting by Saeger and second by Gilmer. Motion passed unanimously.

9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

9:15 a.m. Wayfinding Signage Study

- Presentation by Nikki Davis and Kristin Cypher (Michael Baker International)
- Introduced the Town-wide wayfinding planning initiative led by Michael Baker International.
- Supported by a \$20 K Colorado Tourism Office grant with \$5 K Town match; aims to design a cohesive system of signs for navigation, identity, and visitor awareness.
- Timeline: Fall 2025 community input → design concepts → final plan presentation to Council in January 2026.
- \$15 K from the Open Space Fund earmarked specifically for trail and open-space signage.
- Discussion emphasized:
 - “Soft messaging” on wildlife protection and trail etiquette (Alex Smiley).
 - Coordination with BLM for consistent signage across jurisdictions.
 - Using existing trailhead kiosk designs as a template (Haymaker Trailhead style).
 - Modular signage that allows temporary or seasonal updates (Chris Kehoe question).

10:15 a.m. (15 min) E-bike Assessment Update

- Online survey live with 130 + responses; runs through early December.
- Public Open House: Nov 6 (4 – 6 p.m., Brush Creek Pavilion).
- Stakeholder coordination with BLM, CPW, Eagle County, and Eagle Valley Land Trust underway.
- OSRAC expected to formulate a recommendation in January 2026 for Council decision before April trail openings.
- Key discussion points:
 - Confirm easement restrictions (e.g., Love Connector).
 - Ensure alignment with BLM management zones (SRMA areas).
 - Public comment warned about the rapid evolution of high-power e-bikes and urged forward-looking policy.

10:45 a.m. (15 min) Budget and Staffing Updates

- Ranger position not funded by Council; program returns to a single seasonal technician for 2026.
- Hay Meadow RETA funding approved: 50 % of the transfer fee revenue (≈ 0.3 % of sales) now dedicated to the Open Space Fund.
- Provides a new ongoing funding source for future open-space projects.
- Staff will re-evaluate the 2026 operating budget with Finance to reflect these changes.

Future Agenda Items

- November meeting to include:
 - Continued e-bike policy updates
 - Seasonal wildlife closure planning
 - Budget follow up

10:45 a.m. ADJOURN

MOTION to ADJOURN at 10:25 a.m. by Seager and second by Gilmer. Motion passed unanimously.