



**MEETING OF THE PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**January 27, 2022, 6:30 p.m.**

**Virtual POSAC Meeting**

Members Present: Jenn Archuleta  
Janet George  
Steven Meyrich  
Ann Obenchain  
Heather Williams  
Trace Baker  
Paula Fitzgerald

Members Absent: James Krug  
Tony Lewis

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Election of Officers**

Steven Meyrich nominated Paula Fitzgerald for Chair. Jenn Archuleta seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Jenn Archuleta nominated Heather Williams for Vice Chair. Ann Obenchain seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

**4. Approval of Last Month's Minutes**

**Moved by** Janet George

**Seconded by** Heather Williams

**APPROVED**

**5. Public Comment Period for Items Not on Agenda**

Dana Bove, 1935 Tin Cup Ct., Boulder. He represents Front Range Eagle Studies. He spoke about research on Carolyn Holmberg Preserve.

**6. Presentations**

6.1 Wallace (Debra) Acquisition

**Moved by** Janet George

**Seconded by** Jenn Archuleta

**APPROVED**

6.2 Elk and Vegetation Management Plan Update for Red Hill and Ron Stewart Preserve

**Moved by** Steven Meyrich

**Seconded by** Heather Williams

**APPROVED**

6.3 Prairie Dog Management - Proposal to Eliminate Lethal Control Moratorium

Public Comments:

Anyll Markevich, 5570 Magnolia Dr., Nederland. Against

Christel Markevich, 5570 Magnolia Dr., Nederland. Against

Paula Shuler, 4560 Niwot Rd, Longmont. For

Ruby Bowman, 1512 Lefthand Dr., Longmont. Against

Cody Oreck, 203 Morningside Park Rd., Boulder. For

Lindsey Sterling-Krank, 210 Brook Rd, Boulder. Against

Jessica Albright, 10290 W 14th Place, Lakewood. Against

Pam Wanek, 2251 W. 154 Pl., Broomfield. Against

Dana Bove, 1935 Tin Cup Ct., Boulder. Against

Keith Bateman, 1819 N 119th St., Lafayette. For

Elizabeth Black, 4340 N. 13th St., Boulder. For

**Moved by** Steven Meyrich

**Seconded by** Trace Baker

**APPROVED**

## **7. Director's Update**

- The Marshall Fire burned county open space between Marshall and Superior. Approximately 1,700 county acres and over 2,000 acres of city open space were impacted. We want to address questions around the role of open space in the fire.
  - We live in a fire adapted ecosystem. We try to manage that landscape with prescribed fires but having suburban areas around open space means we can't have prescribed fires as often as we would like.
  - The conditions on Dec. 30 were extreme, with 100-mile an hour winds and weeks of drought. These properties were grazed by agricultural tenants, so the grasses were not left to grow. The fire jumped Hwy 36, so a fuel break would probably would not have stopped the fire. Had this land not been open space, more homes may have been built and burned as a result.
  - We will be looking at new ways to manage open space lands, such as mowing buffers and increasing prescribed fires.
  - With recent snowstorms, Boulder County has not been able to have a good look at the work required before reopening trails. We also need to work with the City of Boulder on the shared trails.
- Sherwood Gulch forestry work is starting and should wrap up by spring.
- The Niwot Passage fish project should finish early this year.

- Parks & Open Space has two new division managers: Jarret Roberts is the new manager for Recreation & Facilities and Stefan Reinhold is the new manager for Resource Management.
- Feb. 5 is the annual POSAC Retreat. It will be virtual again this year.

8. **Adjournment**