



MEETING OF THE PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Virtual POSAC Meeting

Members Present: Jenn Archuleta
Ann Obenchain
Tony Lewis
Heather Williams
Trace Baker
Paula Fitzgerald
Drew Adams
Jackson Moller

Members Excused: Janet George

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1. **Call to Order**
 2. **Roll Call**
 3. **Approval of Last Month's Minutes**

Moved by Jenn Archuleta

Seconded by Paula Fitzgerald

APPROVED

4. Public Comment Period for Items Not on Agenda

Christel Markevich, 5570 Magnolia Dr., Nederland. She spoke in opposition of spraying glyphosate.

Kathleen Sands, Lyon Climate Action Group, 1612 Green Pl., Longmont. She spoke in opposition of spraying herbicides near communities.

5. POSAC Members Comment Period for Items Not on Agenda

Tony Lewis thanked Christel and Kathleen for their comments. He has requested a discussion at the POSAC retreat in February to better understand the philosophy and practice of using herbicides.

Tony Lewis mentioned Growing Gardens in Longmont is losing their space in Longmont. He asked Parks & Open Space staff to consider helping Growing Gardens find a new space for the farm.

6. Presentations

6.1 2023 Capital and Stewardship Projects

Staff Presenter: Tina Nielsen, Special Projects Manager

Action Requested: Recommendation to BOCC

Public Comments:

Wendy Sweet, Exec. Director of BMA, 3600 Dartmouth, Boulder. She asked that notices go out to all of Boulder County, not just the local community where a project is being planned.

Moved by Jenn Archuleta

Seconded by Heather Williams

APPROVED

6.2 Updates to the Environmental Resource Element and Supporting Information of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan

Staff Presenter: Jeff Moline, Resource Planner

Action Requested: Recommendation to Boulder County Planning Commission

Public Comments:

Dana Bove, 1935 Tin Cup Ct., Boulder. He asked what actions have been taken regarding prairie dog presence and recovery of vegetation.

Jeff Moline: He responded that staff have done the work and removed prairie dogs from the site to the relocation site. That property will now be brought into agricultural production. As a result, better habitat will be provided on Rock Creek Farm.

Karen Blakemore, 92 Wildewood Dr., Nederland. She asked when the resource maps will be updated.

Jeff Moline: The maps will be updated after adoption by the Planning Commission.

Moved by Heather Williams

Seconded by Jenn Archuleta

APPROVED

6.3 East Boulder Creek Site Plan Initial Meeting

Staff Presenters: Heidi Wagner, Resource Planning Division Manager and Jeff Moline, Resource Planner

Action Requested: Feedback Requested

Tony Lewis encouraged scheduling onsite meetings on days and times so all in the community can attend. Heidi responded that it is a goal to make the meetings easier for the community to attend, including having a BCPOS presence at other community events.

Ann Obenchain asked if there were target demographics for this process. Heidi responded that their goals was to match the demographics of the community. Ann encouraged using social media influencers.

Public Comments:

Wendy Sweet, BMA, 3600 Dartmouth, Boulder. She asked if the public will be allowed to weigh in on options or if the public can suggest trails and connections. She also wants to know if CP&P will be consulted regarding regional trails.

Heidi Wagner responded that CP&P and the City of Boulder will be consulted regarding possible connections. The community will have a suite of options presented to them for feedback.

Lisa Langer, 11628 Kenosha Rd. She voiced that one thing that missing in the presentation and website are images of wildlife and wildlife habitat.

7. Director's Update

- Feb. 4 is the date for the annual POSAC Retreat. Watch for more information as it becomes available.
- This year's Soil Revolution Conference will be on Dec. 6. The conference is partially sponsored by Boulder County Parks & Open Space.
- BOCC approved the acquisitions of the State Land Board parcels on Bald Mountain and Heil Valley Ranch.
- The bilingual Partnership Coordinator position has been filled by Monserrat Alvarez.
- The Universal Sign Pilot Project is underway at Walden Ponds. It will be expanded to our entire county park system soon.
- A Small Grant symposium, which is held jointly with OSMP and Jefferson County, will be held on April 14, 2023 at the CU East Campus. Watch for more information. The deadline for to submit research proposals to Boulder County is Monday, Jan. 9, 2023. gov/research
- Annual recruitment for our Volunteer Naturalist positions has wrapped up.
- Long-term monitoring of Limber pines has begun. It's a species of special concern.
- 258 prairie dogs were relocated from the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve to our South County Grasslands.

- Meadowlark Trail reconstruction work has finished. Monarch and Twin Lakes trail work is next.
- An appreciation dinner for our agricultural tenants will be Feb. 8.

8. Adjournment

9:11 p.m.