



Parks & Open Space

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PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Time/Date of Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27, 2023

Location: Boulder County Courthouse
1325 Pearl Street, Third Floor, Boulder

TO:	Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee
FROM/PRESENTER:	Carol Beam, Cultural Resource Specialist
AGENDA ITEM:	Cultural Resources Update
ACTION REQUESTED:	Information Only

INTRODUCTION

In addition to the all the other resource values the Parks and Open Space Department manages, cultural resources are an integral part of the complex system of land stewardship by the department.

Cultural resources tell the story of historic peoples traditionally associated with the land. Open Space contains cultural resources that connects us to the land though the cultural remains left behind by those who came before us. Cultural resource information also supports the efforts of the department's Education and Outreach staff who educate, share, and engage the public about open space resources, as well as the department's Buildings and Historic Preservation staff who preserve our significant historic resources for public enjoyment.

BACKGROUND

The Parks and Open Space Department has identified and recorded approximately 1,800 cultural resource types that include isolated finds, linear features or sites across many open space properties. The cultural resource object types found on open space can range from a single object like a projectile point to a historic building complex like Walker Ranch. Cultural resource information is collected not only to identify the resources for management purposes, but aids in future management planning processes, determining project budgets, and is a key factor in avoiding any adverse effects to significant cultural resources through the various projects undertaken by the department.

This presentation will provide a cultural resources update by highlighting various projects since the last POSAC update in March 2022.