

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: Ernst Strenge, Resource Planner and Mary Olson, Landscape

Architect

AGENDA ITEM: Cultural Responsiveness & Inclusion Strategic Plan

Implementation Update

ACTION REQUESTED: Information Only

Background: The Cultural Responsiveness & Inclusion Strategic Plan (CRISP) for the Parks & Open Space Department was completed in March of 2021. The purpose of the CRISP is to add a cultural responsiveness and inclusion lens to all that we do, with an initial focus on increasing participation and engagement with the Latinx community. The CRISP can be viewed here: https://bouldercounty.gov/open-space/management/cultural-responsiveness-inclusion-strategic-plan/

The CRISP identified three broad recommendations for implementation: partnerships and cocreation, community outreach, and economic opportunities and organizational change. We will review our progress to date on each of these categories.

CRISP Implementation Progress:

<u>Partnerships & Co-Creation:</u> Co-creating with the Latinx community by sharing power and jointly designing programs, services, and amenities using a culturally responsive approach.

Sign Standards and Messaging Manual and Walden Ponds Pilot East Boulder Creek management planning process

<u>Community Outreach:</u> Developing relationships with the Latinx community fosters inclusive cultural ownership of our outdoor spaces.

San Lazero Community Engagement New community outreach positions

<u>Economic Opportunities and Organizational Change:</u> Develop staff awareness, skills, and competence to support the department's equity, diversity and inclusion goals. Commit resources to support CRISP initiatives.

Explorando Senderos: POS Foundation grant CRISP budget: Cumbre Latinx

Youth Corps Affinity Groups POS All-Staff Summit

Rocks, Karma, Arrows