



MEETING OF THE PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Third Floor Hearing Room

County Court House

1325 Pearl Street, Boulder

Members Present: Janet George
Tony Lewis
Jackson Moller
Kristine Johnson
Derek Turner
Carol Byerly

Members Excused: Trace Baker
Paula Fitzgerald
Drew Adams

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

Moved by Carol Byerly

Seconded by Janet George

APPROVED

4. Public Comment Period for Items Not on Agenda

Anyll Markevich, Nederland. He spoke about cheatgrass research and its reduction by use of controlled burns and would like to see Boulder County using fire to control cheatgrass.

Christel Markevich, Nederland. She spoke about the benefits to the ecosystem of prescribed burns.

Erin Mischke, Boulder. She spoke against aerial spraying of herbicides and in favor of using more natural ways to control weeds.

5. POSAC Members Comment Period for Items Not on Agenda

Carol Byerly encouraged all to attend the AgriCULTURE exhibit at the Longmont Art Museum.

6. Presentations

6.1 Western Mobile-2023 Transfer of Management (For Improvements to Hygiene Road at Foothills Reservoir)

Staff Presenter: Don Durso, Land Officer

Action Requested: Recommendation to BOCC

Moved by Janet George

Seconded by Jackson Moller

APPROVED

6.2 Little Raven Acquisition

Staff Presenter: Tina Burghardt, Senior Land Officer

Action Requested: Recommendation to BOCC

Moved by Carol Byerly

Seconded by Kristine Johnson

APPROVED

6.3 East Boulder Creek Management Plan: Public Engagement Update

Staff Presenter: Heidi Wagner, Resource Planning Manager

Action Requested: Information only

6.4 E-bike Policy Amendment

Staff Presenter: Tina Nielsen, Special Projects Coordinator

Action Requested: Recommendation to BOCC

Moved by Kristine Johnson

Seconded by Derek Turner

APPROVED

6.5 Behavior of Cheatgrass

Presenter: Scott Nissen, Professor Emeritus, CSU Weed Science

Action Requested: Information only

Public Comments:

Erin Mischke, Boulder. She made additional arguments against using herbicides like Rejuvra, and in favor of using other methods.

7. Director's Update

- Our work continues on the Tolland Trail near Eldora Ski Area. We will announce when the trail is open to the public.
- The 104th Street Trail from Empire Road connecting to Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at RCF is complete. Private land on 104th Street stops the trail from continuing across the road, but BCPOS is working with the landowner to get access.
- Heil Valley Ranch pedestrian bridges, which were burned in the Cal-Wood Fire, have been rebuilt.
- Boulder County Youth Corps started their 2023 season on June 2. Their work projects include agricultural properties, trails, and forestry.

- Dilapidated buildings just outside Nederland are on the Dorothy Rodgers property. Our Historic Preservation crews will stabilize those structures this summer.
- The Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP) is a joint forestry project with City of Longmont, the Boulder Valley and Longmont Conservation Districts, and Left Hand Watershed Center. A site tour is planned on Sept. 8.
- June 18-24 is International Pollinator Week. BCPOS is hosting two programs this week for the public to go out and learn about bees and other pollinators. Over the years, BCPOS has restored over 2,000 acres of grassland, over 2,000 acres of forest, and five miles of creek habitat, all which support pollinator habitat.
- Our native bee populations are still healthy; butterfly populations have been on the decline locally. To see research reports from studies conducted on Boulder County open space, including pollinator studies and others: gov/open-space/education/research/

8. Adjournment

9:00 p.m.