



MEETING OF THE PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Third Floor Hearing Room

County Court House

1325 Pearl Street, Boulder

Members Present: Janet George
Tony Lewis
Trace Baker
Paula Fitzgerald
Drew Adams
Jackson Moller
Kristine Johnson
Derek Turner
Carol Byerly

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

Moved by Carol Byerly

Seconded by Derek Turner

Jackson Moller and Paula Fitzgerald both abstained.

APPROVED

4. POSAC Members Comment Period for Items Not on Agenda

No public comment will be taken for items not on the agenda at this meeting.

None

5. Presentations

5.1 2024 Capital and Stewardship Projects

Public comment will be taken for this agenda item.

Staff Presenter: Tina Nielsen, Special Projects Coordinator

Action Requested: Recommendation to BOCC

Question: What is the logic of approving money for Prairie Run? If the BOCC rejects the prairie run plan or significantly modifies it, what happens to the money?

Response: The BOCC approves the CAST as a line item. If they don't approve, the money stays on the shelf.

Question: How much of the budget does this involve?

Response: We have different funding sources, including a dedicated sales tax. Money can come from those different sources and we can also go back to the BOCC for additional funding.

Question: Regarding the Sherwood Creek restoration, part of the Conger Mine road is used for mountain biking access to get to Sherwood Gulch trails. Will that be closed during construction?

Response: The trail probably will be closed during construction, but there is a parallel trail that people can use. We are planning to build a trail along the new stream alignment.

Public Comments:

Colleen Elliot, 109th St., Boulder County. She asked POSAC to not approve the money for the Prairie Run plan since it has not yet been approved. The neighbors near the subject property have concerns and would like more time to be taken.

Daniel Friend, lives near 109th St., Boulder County. He was surprised and disappointed that the Prairie Run item was on the CAST request for funding. He believes there are too many concerns to approve funding at this time.

Bill Arnold, 109th St., Boulder County. He asked POSAC to refuse approval of funding for Prairie Run. He and the other neighbors would like more of an opportunity to discuss the proposed plan further with staff.

Paula Fitzgerald moved to approve the proposal with the exception of Item 11 (Prairie Run Management Plan) pending BOCC approval of the plan.

Moved by Paula Fitzgerald

Seconded by Tony Lewis

APPROVED

5.2 Integrated Weed Management Study Session

No public comment will be taken as part of the study session.

Staff Presenter: Justin Atherton-Wood, Planning Supervisor

Action Requested: Information Only

6. Director's Update

BCPOS received Partner of the Year award from the Boulder Valley & Longmont Conservation District.

Work on the Coalton Trail will be finished by the end of the year.

BCPOS is helping to construct a changing hut for the Southdown Indian Mountain sweat lodge site.

NoCo Places will be working with 16 stakeholder focus groups as a the next step in establishing high priority recreation needs. Nocoplaces.com

The 2023 BCPOS Calendars are available for purchase. boco.org/calendars

Dec. 7 is the annual Prairie Dog Stakeholders' meeting at the Parks & Open Space office in Longmont.

Dec. 13 is the Soil Revolution Conference at the JCC in Boulder.

Our new Education & Outreach Coordinator is Eva Lark.

7. Adjournment

10:03 p.m.