



MEETING OF THE PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Third Floor Hearing Room

County Court House

1325 Pearl Street, Boulder

Members Present: Janet George
Paula Fitzgerald
Drew Adams
Tony Lewis – arrived 6:56 p.m.
Kristine Johnson
Derek Turner
Carol Byerly

Members Excused: Jackson Moller
Trace Baker

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**

3. **Approval of Last Month's Minutes**

Minutes for Aug. 22 were approved unanimously. Carol Byerly abstained.

Minutes for Sept. 26 were approved unanimously, after requesting a typographical correction. Paula Fitzgerald and Drew Adams abstained.

4. **Presentations**

4.1 **Trailhead Maintenance Program Overview**

Staff Presenter: Emily Ruff, Civil Construction Field Supervisor

Action Requested: Information Only

4.2 **Community Engagement Team Update**

Staff Presenters:

Emma Dhimitri, Community Health Specialist

Montserrat Alvarez, Bilingual Partnership Specialist

Sully Tun-Ake, Park Ranger, Community Engagement

Whitney May Taylor, Planner II, with support from Carlos Lerma and Juan Ocampo

Action Requested: Information Only

4.3 **2024 Youth Corps Season in Review - Tabled to the November 21 meeting**

Staff Presenter: Luiz Bertolo, Youth Corps Program Manager

Action Requested: Information Only

5. **Public Comment Period for Items Not on Agenda**

Tess McDonald, Lyons. She spoke against the use of drones to spray herbicides. She asked POSAC to retract their prior recommendation.

6. **POSAC Members Comment Period for Items Not on Agenda**

Derek Turner requested a recap of the BERT decision by BOCC earlier today by Therese Glowacki.

7. **Director's Update**

- Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month runs from September 15 to October 15. BCPOS held community events, and Therese highlighted a [video](#) of those events.
- BERT plan was presented to the BOCC today. County commissioners voted 2-1 in support to proceed with the BERT.
- Two trailheads were recently improved:
 - Hall Ranch upgrades to make it more ADA accessible and to improve drainage.
 - Stearns Lake parking lot added 11 new spaces.
- 90% of Soil Health grant money has been distributed to incentivize our agricultural tenants to improve their soil health.
- The Left Hand Outdoor challenge is starting up again. Twenty-eight youth will participate this year.
- The elk management hunt is taking place through January at Ron Stewart Preserve at Rabbit Mountain.
- The 352-acre forestry contract is complete on the Hall, Hanson, and Riverside properties, within the Button Rock watershed. This was in collaboration with the City of Longmont. There was a media event with Gov. Polis, Rep. Joe Neguse, and Commissioner Stolzmann to recognize this shared forest stewardship.
- The Prescott Wetland Restoration project off Bunce School Road is complete.
- Boulder County closed on the Haystack Mountain purchase this week. The property is currently closed to the public.

8. **Adjournment**

8:22 p.m.

This is only a summary of the meeting. The meeting video is viewable on the [POSAC webpage](#).