

Town of Superior
Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)
Meeting Notes
June 11, 2014

Members of the Committee in attendance: Sherin Tedeschi, Margaret Parish, Jill Kenny, Patricia Dunham, Matt Finnegan, Ken Lish, Shawn Samuelson, Mike Gheleta. Quorum present.

Other in attendance:

Town Board Liaison: Sandy Pennington

Staff: Patrick Hammer, Allison James

Agenda Items:

1. Updates and Look ahead

- a. Hodgson- Harris Reservoir Dam Rehabilitation Project – Construction crews have placed erosion control fencing around the project site, and began moving dirt in the area.
- b. Outdoor Education Schedule – staff continues to work with the contract outdoor education coordinator to finalize program logistics for the remaining outdoor education programs:
 - (i) Jeff and Paige Concert in the Park, July 18, 6-7:30 p.m., Community Park
 - (ii) Denver Zoo Colorado Alive, August 7, 3-4 p.m., Fire Station Meeting Room
 - (iii) Bug Hunt, September 6, 9-11 a.m., Rock Creek – Autrey Park

Staff discussed with the Committee the potential location options for the upcoming concert with Jeff and Paige which include the concrete area between the baseball fields at Community Park and the outdoor class room area at Founders Park.

The Committee unanimously recommends that the Founder Park location be considered as the location for the Jeff and Paige concert in the park on July 18.

- c. Coyote Coexistence Plan – The Town released to the public the Coyote Coexistence Plan that was created through a partnership with Project Coyote.
- d. Superior Town Center Update – The Town Board will review the Superior Town Center (STC) Final Development Plan 2 for Phase 2 Public Improvements during their meeting on June 23. The Committee upon scanning the Staff memo to the BOT regarding the FTP noted that the Developer has defined use for Parcel 4 ignoring the BOT's request that the PROSTAC process progress. The Developer's FTP suggests an active rec area for young children which needs further consideration due to the limited size of the park area and the fact that it is surrounded by four streets that children in play could inadvertently run into traffic – a significant safety concern. The Committee felt strongly that this item needed additional discussion, and continued the dialog as an item later in the meeting.

- e. July 4th Celebration – The Town will be hosting the annual July 4th celebration on Friday, July 4, beginning at 8:30 a.m. All Town advisory committees are invited to have a booth during the festivities.
 - f. Shan-Shan Property Update – Staff continues to work with the realtor representing the Shan-Shan property.
2. Discussion - Superior Town Center (continued from Updates and Look-ahead). The Committee continues to express its concerns that the overall lack of open space within the proposed STC project and would like to reaffirm the motion that was unanimously made during the May 14 committee meeting, and presented to the Town Board on May 27. The Committee also made an additional motion regarding the developer's desire to design Parcel 3 with tennis courts, sand volley ball, dog park, disk golf, etc. The Committee discussed their continued concern that the developer is proposing active rec designs that may not be using space to its fullest capacity – i.e. proposing a disc golf course with only 2-3 holes; a Rugby field at 95% size with limited space for spectators, team warm up areas etc.:
- a. Motion from May 14 committee meeting - The Committee recommends the Developer maintain the sanctity of the cemetery site, providing for a quiet and respectful environment on areas surrounding the site. Additionally, the Committee recommends that the Developer conduct an engineering study on the sloped hillsides in Parcel 3 to ensure that the integrity and contour of the existing slope is protected and that the detention pond will not be adversely affected by any grading in the area. The findings of the study should be presented to the Town Board and members of the Open Space Advisory Committee for review and discussion. Based upon the results of the commissioned study, the developer should be required to provide for slope stabilization and detention pond preservation as needed.
 - b. The Committee recommends that should Parcel 3 be designed as suggested by the Developer during the Town Board meeting on May 27 to include active recreation uses vs. passive open space (either manicured or naturalized), the Developer should provide an equal amount of passive open space elsewhere in the development as originally designated in the PD that was approved by the Town Board on August 19, 2013.
3. Discussion – National Trails Day Event Debrief. Sherin Tedeschi reviewed with the Committee a slideshow of photos from the National Trails Day event that took place at the Coalton Trailhead on June 7. Committee members discussed successes from the event, and areas that could be approved on in the future. Areas to work on for next year

include improving advertising throughout the community, adding more pet friendly activities, printing more trail maps, and adding a photo contest element.

4. Discussion – 2015 Budget Items. The Committee discussed the draft 5-Year Trail Plan to include a list of prioritized trail projects, maintaining a budget to attend the annual Colorado Open Space Alliance (COSA) Conference and dedicating staffing resources to coordinate and promote open space-related programs and activities. The Committee supported the draft 5-Year Trail Plan for the 2015 budget process, supported maintaining a specific annual budget line for two Committee members and two staff members to attend the annual Colorado Open Space Alliance (COSA) Conference, and felt the Town Board should continue to budget \$10,000 in 2015 for contract staff resources to coordinate and promote open space-related programs and activities in Superior.
5. Discussion – Advisory Committees’ Role in STC Planning. Several members of the Committee voiced their concerns over their role in advising the Town Board on development decisions. The Committee discussed the possibility of having a meeting with the members of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee, Superior Historical Commission, and Planning Commission to discuss ideas on how to best serve the community and the Town Board during development projects. This topic will be discussed further at the July 9 meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 9, 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall