

**Town of Superior**  
**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**April 8, 2015, 5:45 PM, Town Hall**

Members of the Committee in attendance: Patricia Dunham (Chair), Mike Gheleta, Jim Heidell, Tracy Koller, Matt Morris, Ken Lish (Vice Chair), Shawn Samuelson, Sherin Tedeschi. Quorum present. Absent: Jill Kenny (excused)

Others in attendance:

Town Board Liaison: Sandy Pennington

Staff Liaison: Allison James

Meeting Called to Order 5:45 p.m.

Agenda Items:

1. Review and Discussion – School Parcel Design. The group reviewed and discussed the preliminary concept design for the school parcel site. The Committee would like to communicate the following items for the Board:
  - Verify the current \$2 million park concept satisfies the intent of the project and that potential future projects in this park will not be negatively impacted by design. If the latter, the plan should include arrangements for expansion (utility runs, curb/gutter changes, grading, etc.). Consider the associated additional costs to the Town by splitting into multiple projects.
  - The opportunity for a future sports field in this park and a main field trail design of a larger oval to better support this option.
  - Inconvenience of the parking (bump outs) relative to the main interior park trail.
  - Consider a trail as a link from the school to the park, currently these two public spaces are not coordinated. This trail would enable additional parking for park users in the school parking lot when school isn't in session.
  - Recommends a bathroom option or utility access to make a bathroom possible in the future.
  - Community garden should still be considered, it was a high priority during public engagement.
  - Utilize both sides of road for bump out parking.
  - If the steep grade on the east is irrigated sod (not native grass), consider runoff causing heave problems in the street.
  
2. Discussion and Review – Superior Town Center Creek Corridor. The group communicated the following recommendations for the Board which were finalized and voted on via email after the meeting as a follow-up to the scheduled creek walk on March 17, 2015. The Committee recommends the following considerations be made:
  - Riparian corridor should be protected with a buffer zone that is well delineated by a suitable separation. Hardy plantings are suggested to create a buffer to help withstand

future flood erosion and foot traffic. Plantings should be at minimum the width of the riparian corridor plus a buffer.

- Concept should be based on the creek corridor and habitat not based on field design.
- Recommends the preservation of the creek corridor for the enjoyment of town residents in as natural of a state as possible while still remaining aesthetically pleasing.
- Recommends trails on both sides of creek corridor.
- Artificial turf is fundamentally incompatible with the natural resource values of the creek corridor.
- Recommends a lighting study be completed prior to any light plan decision to determine the impact of lighting on nocturnal wildlife activities.

3. Discussion and Recommendation– The group reviewed the individual rankings for the annual 5-Year Trails Plan and plans to complete this item during the next meeting.
4. Discussion and Recommendation – Mission and Goals. The Committee reviewed the OSAC Mission and Goals and recommended changes. The Committee passed unanimously via email the Mission and Goals with changes as shown in “Attachment A” at the end of this document. Also, per Board direction, the original OSAC resolution is shown in “Attachment B”.
7. Updates and Lookahead:
  - a. Winter Wildlife Walk – twenty two citizens attended the program on March 14<sup>th</sup> to learn about winter wildlife while hiking with the Town’s outdoor education provider, Ashley DeLaup.
  - b. Arbor Day — The Town’s annual Arbor Day celebration will be held April 18 at Founders Park 10a.m. – Noon.
  - c. Committee Open House – A Committee Open House has been scheduled for April 16 at Town Hall, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
  - d. Davidson Mesa Underpass update - The north side of the underpass is under construction. The underpass and bikeway should be open by the end of 2015.
5. Adjourn, joint meeting to commence with City of Louisville Open Space Advisory Board

## ATTACHEMENT A: OSAC Mission and Goals Redline

### **Our Mission**

To acquire, conserve and provide stewardship of natural open space lands and associated resources, to ensure public enjoyment and appropriate **recreation**, and to conduct relevant educational programs, all of which encourage sustainable resource management and reflect community values.

### **Our Goals**

- To advise the Town Board regarding acquisition and protection of natural lands and buffers using the Open Space Fund.
- To advocate for the conservation and restoration of natural resources for the benefit of the environment and for the education and enjoyment of current and future generations.
- To provide public outreach, education and volunteer opportunities **by increasing** awareness and appreciation of the Town of Superior's open space.
- To provide quality recreational opportunities, including recommendations regarding trails on open space, while minimizing the impact to open space resources.
- **To collaborate with surrounding open space organizations in order to provide further connectivity of trails and access within the region.**

## ATTACHMENT B: Original OSAC Resolution:

TOWN OF SUPERIOR  
RESOLUTION NO. R-25  
SERIES 2001

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN  
OF SUPERIOR, COLORADO ESTABLISHING AN OPEN SPACE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**WHEREAS**, the Superior Town Board has received a petition from residents to establish an Open Space Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, several months ago, the Town Board initiated a review of its Comprehensive Plan and established committees for such process, one of the biggest components of which is the amount of open space that is appropriate within the Town boundaries balanced with the development needed to generate the revenues to support the municipal services desired by the residents of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to address the desires of the Petition, but not at the expense of the citizens that have worked the

past several months on the Comp Plan review or for a committee to work separately from the committee working on the comp plan review.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, COLORADO, as follows:**

**Section 1.** The Town Board hereby establishes the Superior Open Space Advisory Committee.

**Section 2.** The Committee is charged with the tasks of examining and making recommendations to the Board of Trustees for the preservation of lands in the Town for open space purposes considering the following factors:

A. The areas appropriate for open space designation as wildlife habitats, trails or other similar purposes;

B. The financial effect to the Town of removing lands from producing sales, use and property tax and other revenues to the Town; and

C. The cost to purchase and maintain the lands; and

D. Sources of funding of the purchase of such lands; and

E. The community services and amenities that will be provided by the purchase by the Town of such lands; and

F. How the County and City of Boulder open space surrounding the Town can be accessed for the benefit of the public that purchased such open space.

The Advisory Committee shall work within the structure for the Comprehensive Plan revision which is in process. The recommendations for tasks A, B, C and D, above shall be provided within the time frames set for the Comprehensive Plan review process. Once the new Comprehensive Plan is adopted by the Board of Trustees, the Board may disband the Open Space Advisory Committee or revise the resolution to set additional tasks for the Committee.

**Section 3.** The Open Space Advisory Committee shall consist of five members who shall be current residents of the Town. The Board may appoint interim Committee members for up to 45 days following the passage of this resolution. It is the intent of the Board to make appointments to the Committee among citizens in the Town representing differing geographic areas.

**Section 4.** The Town Manager may assign a staff person to serve as a liaison between the Committee and the Board of Trustees.

**Section 5.** The following people are appointed to the Committee to serve the terms designated: Janet Buhrmann, Bob McCool, Joy Swearngen, Kathy McCarthy, and Leslie Munn.

**ADOPTED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2001.**

**Next Meeting:**

*Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 6:30 p.m. Town Hall*

*(OSAC meets on the second Wednesday of the month.)*