

**Town of Superior**  
**Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee (PROSTAC)**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**October 15, 2014**

Members of the Committee in Attendance: Brent Bickel (Chair), Aaron Atwell, Jeff Isaacson (late - excused), Steve Smith, Peter Bottomley, Daryl McCool. Quorum present.  
Absent: Sandie Hammerly, Corey Ochsner, Ron Sommer (all excused).

Others in attendance:

Citizens: Jim Paine  
Town Board Liaison: Trustee Chris Hanson  
Staff: Director Patrick Hammer  
Other: Chris Cares, RRC Associates

Meeting called to at 7:03 p.m.

Agenda Items:

1. **Public Comment** – Former OSAC and PROSTAC member Jim Paine spoke before the Committee about OSAC’s recent recommendation to the Board to consider removing open space and trail responsibilities/items from PROSTAC’s purview. Jim generally disagreed with the idea of removing open space and trails from the Committee, and reminded the group that PROSTAC typically takes the lead regarding trail projects and trail development. Jim also noted that OSAC’s expertise leans towards “natural” open space items while PROSTAC deals with “developed” open space.
2. **Discussion and Review** – 2014 Indoor Space Survey findings. Chris Cares from RRC Associates reviewed with the Committee the finalized raw data from the 2014 Indoor Space Survey. Chris spoke to the group about the overall review process and his firm’s efforts to compile the data into a finalized product for the Board. RRC is working on four reports that will eventually be combined into one final document – survey fill-out, open ended comments, final power point presentation and final written report. The Board is scheduled to see the final survey results during the October 27 Work Session. The group reviewed in detail each survey question and the response and analysis provided by RRC.
3. **Discussion** – School Parcel Concept Plan. Committee Chair Brent Bickel summarized for the group the Board’s conversation during the October 13 Work Session regarding the conceptual park plan and proposed budget for developing the School Parcel site. During their regularly scheduled Board meeting on October 27, the Board will consider adopting the 2015 Budget that includes an allocation of \$200,000 to be spent on design and construction documents for the parcel. If the Board approves the proposed Budget, staff will post a Request for Proposal for the park’s design in early 2015. The Committee will add the School Parcel park design to their 2015 Work Plan.
4. **Discussion** – The Committee discussed the recent OSAC motion requesting that the new Board review the Resolutions of OSAC and PROSTAC and considers either

removing open space and trails from PROSTAC's purview or possibly merging Committees.

The Committee was unanimously and adamantly opposed to stripping PROSTAC of its oversight for open space and trails. Since OSAC handles natural open space it is uncommon for situations to arise where the developed open spaces and trail connections that PROSTAC covers overlap with OSAC and when there is overlap this has not been and currently is not a problem. For example, the recommendations the Committee made this year to Boulder County for trail connections were virtually identical to the OSAC recommendations. Also, when there was a discussion about creating a joint workgroup for the Coal Creek corridor the Board simply decided to let OSAC handle it. Not only does the Committee feel that transferring open space and trails from PROSTAC to OSAC is a solution in need of a problem, many members also felt that doing so would be punishing PROSTAC for being so effective and working so hard to complete a very challenging work plan.

Regarding the possibility of merging the Committees - the Committee had mixed opinions with members expressing a variety of concerns. On one side it was acknowledged that a merged Committee with a manageable workload could yield some economies of scale in terms of staff time and costs. However, the Committee felt strongly that the merged Committee should definitely not have more than nine members and, as such, there was concern about how the merge would affect the current members. There were also concerns expressed about the workload of the merged Committee given the heavy, but manageable, workload PROSTAC had this year.

5. **Discussion** – 2015 Work Plan. Due to lack of time this item will be discussed at the November meeting.
6. **Updates and Look-Ahead**
  - A. Committee Open House – Committee Chair Brent Bickel will attend the Open House on October 23 to recruit new members to PROSTAC as one member informed the Committee that they will be stepping down in December.
  - B. 2015 Budget – The Board will consider adopting the 2015 Budget during the October 27 Board meeting.
7. Adjourn (**9:25**)

*\*Indicates priority item due to Board, Staff, or Work Plan Timeline*

Next Meeting:

*Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, November 19, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall  
(PROSTAC meets on the third Wednesday of the month.)*