

**Town of Superior**  
**Parks Recreation Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**July 17, 2013**

Members of the Committee in attendance: Jim Paine (Chair), Aaron Atwell, Brent Bickel, Sandie Hammerly (Vice Chair), Daryl McCool, Steve Smith, Ron Sommer. Absent: Peter Bottomley (excused). Vacancy: one. Quorum present.

Others in attendance:

Citizen: Laird Verbeck, LaRuth McAfee, Jeff Isaacson.

Town Board Liaison: Trustee Chris Hanson.

Consultant: John Overstreet of Ovanda LLC.

Staff: Alan McBeath, Patrick Hammer.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

Agenda Items:

1. Members of the Committee would like to add to the August meeting agenda a discussion item regarding meeting start times and meeting length.
2. Public Comment
  - a. Laird Verbeck voiced his concern over the potential development of an engineered trail in the open space area adjacent to (behind) the homes on Eldorado Drive. The trail area in question has developed into a social trail situated approximately 170 feet north of the concrete Rock Creek regional trail that runs through Community Park. Mr. Verbeck questions the need to have an engineered trail that cuts through open space located so close to an existing concrete trail. He asked about the process for considering such trails, and it was explained that this was part of the 5-Year Trail Plan process that was reviewed in a public process annually, and that no changes to the area in question were planned within the next two years.
3. Discussion – Recreation Program Assessment. John Overstreet reviewed with the Committee the outcomes of the Recreation Program Assessment. Staff will email to the Committee a draft copy of the final Recreation Program Assessment report for review. The Committee has been asked to provide comment on the report which will go before the Town Board during a Work Session on August 26.
4. Discussion – The committee discussed the July 11 community engagement meeting for the School Parcel Community Engagement process. The consultants are preparing a summary of the results for presentation at a future PROSTAC meeting. Another community engagement meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28, 7:00 pm at Eldorado K-8.

5. Discussion – The committee discussed the ongoing community engagement process for the Indoor Space Needs Assessment Community Engagement process. The Trustees approved the additional “feedback” stage which will resume activity in the latter half of August.
6. Discussion and Recommendations for 2014 Budget. The Committee discussed the draft 5-Year Trail Plan to include a list of prioritized trail projects. The Committee supported the draft 5-Year Trail Plan for the 2014 budget process and would like a public engagement process be followed for establishing trail priorities in years beyond 2014, and suggests that the engagement process be conducted jointly with OSAC (Open Space Advisory Committee).
7. Discussion and Recommendation – Annual Request to Boulder County for Open Space Preservation and Trail Projects. The Committee reviewed the various properties and projects submitted by the Town over past years, and several new trail projects. The Committee felt the Town Board should submit the following as the Town’s prioritized annual request:

Open Space Acquisitions:

1. Level 3
2. Zaharias
3. Bolejack

Trail Projects:

1. Trail connection from the proposed US 36 Underpass at Davidson Mesa, with a crossing at Marshall Road to link to Singletree Trail and to the larger regional trail system.
2. Trail connection added to Meadowlark Trail at its western-most point to link with Coalton Trail to the south.
3. Link between Singletree Trail and Coal Creek Regional Trail.
4. Improve Coalton Trail to a standard consistent with Meadowlark Trail.
5. Coalton Trail South to Hwy 128 and west to 66th Street.

8. Discussion and Recommendation – Superior Town Center – Amended Preliminary Development Plan. The Committee spent one hour reviewing the project and elements related to civic use and open space. The Committee has identified the following areas of the Town Center Amended Preliminary Development Plan as warranting further study by PROSTAC – post-approval if the PDP is approved – with provisions for public input consistent with past PROSTAC review and recommendation processes, and requests Board direction regarding the timing and priorities of these work plan items:
  1. Land use of designated developed parkland
  2. Indoor space needs
  3. Coal Creek corridor
  4. Trails and trail access

Regarding concepts for the improvement and integration of the Coal Creek corridor, PROSTAC proposes that this be done jointly with OSAC, perhaps by establishing a Working Group of stakeholders similar to the structure used for the Hodgson-Harris Reservoir project. This Working Group could include a few members each from PROSTAC and OSAC, Town staff, Ranch Capital, one or two Trustees, and a few members of the public.

9. 2013 Work Plan Action Items -

- a. Playground Project Update – Committee members Aaron Atwell and Peter Bottomley distributed over 300 survey fliers to every park in Superior with the exception of Founders Park and received eight responses. This was largely a test of the survey and there was not an adequate return mechanism for the survey forms built into the process. The goal is to move the engagement process to EngageSuperior.com. The Committee would also like to engage citizens as they are actively using the park and will set a date to visit the parks in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.