



Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee

Minutes
August 26, 2010

Meeting Summary

OSTAC reviewed two Xcel projects proposed at Great Western Reservoir Open Space. They received updates on the AMLI Residential project in Interlocken, the Bay Expansion, and the Cemetery Master Plan. They also reviewed two trail names proposed by the Pulte Corporation for the Anthem neighborhood. Members viewed the Broomfield Photography Club's pictures of Metzger Farm.

Roll Call

Present:

Annette Cislo
Rob Bodine
Bill Olney
George Zack
Dennis Thompson
Patrick Tennyson
Walt Spader, Mayor pro tem

Absent:

Pete Dunlaevy, Open Space and Trails Coordinator
Jim Haedrich

Others in attendance:

Kristan Pritz, Director of Open Space and Trails
Kevin Standbridge, Assistant City and County Manager
Burt Knight, City and County Engineer

Agenda Minutes

- 1. Call to Order Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee in Zang Spur Meeting Room**
Rob Bodine, Chair, called the meeting to order.
- 2. Introduction of Interested Citizens and Comments on Items not on the Evening's Agenda**
Jaan Raamot introduced himself and had no specific requests of issues to discuss.
Don Hatch who lives in the Crofton Park neighborhood said he was attending because he is an open space user and interested in Metzger Farm.
- 3. Overview of Xcel Construction for the Simms Feeder Line and Valmont Line at Great Western Reservoir Open Space located south of State Highway 128 and east of Indiana Street**

Burt Knight, City Engineer, reviewed the Xcel graphics for the Valmont Project. The high powered lines run through the western portion of the Great Western Open Space. Xcel will be replacing two existing poles from the "skeleton" shaped pole design to single spire pole design. The new poles will be 10 feet higher than the existing poles. Xcel is raising the poles to meet Federal standards. Xcel also believes the project will improve the transfer of the electrical power. Xcel needs to get a permit from Broomfield to do this work. Burt and Kristan have been working with Xcel on the project to address wildlife and other environmental issues. Xcel has hired a wildlife biologist to review wildlife, wetland, and other environmental issues. The Xcel report has documented that the project will not impact wildlife. An access plan with staked routes has been developed. Vehicles will need to cross the drainage flowing into Great Western Reservoir. The low profile bridge will be removed after the project is constructed. Semi-trucks will deliver the poles, the hole will be augured, and the pole will be placed in the hole. Xcel will provide a letter to document that the construction will not create any negative impacts according to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

The second Xcel project is just east of the Great Western Reservoir embankment. Xcel will be adding another line west of the existing power line. Staff has asked Xcel to try to locate the poles so that the new poles line up with the poles on the existing line to minimize visual impacts. Xcel will also be removing a power line that crosses the southern portion of the Great Western Open Space. Staff is working with Xcel on the permit for this project.

Annette-when is the work starting?

Burt-the estimate is that the work will be started in September and completed within 6 weeks.

4. Update on the Proposed Bay Expansion adjacent to the Brunner Reservoir

Kevin reviewed the history of a planning process that looked at Broomfield's public facilities. A master plan for the Bay was developed as a result of this planning process. The concept is to expand the Bay about 30 feet to the east towards Brunner Reservoir. The current project will look at how improvements to the Bay could be phased. The concept for the expansion was also part of the Brunner Reservoir master plan.

Rob—why are they expanding?

Kevin-water parks are competitive and need to be an attraction that will draw residents so that the parks remain interesting, economically viable, and fun.

Rob—what will they add?

Kevin-they plan to add something like a lazy river.

Rob-when would construction start?

Kevin-the planning would be done now and the construction date is not determined.

Walt-inquired if the project would be brought to city council before the request for qualifications is completed?

Kevin—responded that further discussion could occur with city council.

5. Overview of the Broomfield Cemetery Master Plan

At the joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, members asked if staff could provide information on the Cemetery Master Plan. In response, Kristan provided an overview of the Cemetery Master Plan and how it related to the Broomfield County Commons open space and park areas to the north.

Walt-noted that the future office and welcome center are now proposed to be located on the southwest corner of the site contrary to the actual plan drawing.

Kevin-added that the Cemetery Committee would like to see trees planted around the buffer on the edge of the cemetery now so the trees can grow and have a nice impact even before the additional phases of the cemetery are constructed.

Rob—does the cemetery make money?

Kevin-no.

Annette—Crown Hill is now having a variety of events such as music events at the cemetery to fundraise.

6. Overview of the Interlocken AMLI Residential Development proposed for Concept Review at City Council on September 21, 2010-Request for Designation of OSTAC Member

Kristan reviewed the AMLI project and explained the Interlocken Public Land Dedication Policy. The project is located just north of Central Park with the large pond.

Rob—likes idea of adding residential to Interlocken.

Kristan asked for a volunteer OSTAC representative.

Rob and George agreed to help with the project.

7. Update on Pulte Homes Proposed Names for Trails in the Anthem Neighborhood: Proposed Trails Names Anthem Community Trail and State Highway 7 Trail

Kristan informed OSTAC about the names Pulte proposed for two trails in Anthem and OSTAC concurred with the names. The most western trail in the open space buffer will be called the Anthem Community Trail and the trail along State Highway 7 will be the State Highway 7 Trail.

8. Review of Metzger Farm Photos Taken by the Broomfield Photography Club

Kristan reviewed the photos with OSTAC and thanked Bill Olney for his efforts to get these photos taken. OSTAC was also very appreciative of the volunteers work. Bill noted that 14 photographers participated in the photo shoot and asked that if Broomfield uses the photos—that the photographer be recognized. Bill asked if Kristan could contact the Metzger family to see if they might be willing to share some photos with him so he could put together a PowerPoint about the history of the site. Kristan said she would contact Karen and Bill Metzger.

9. Minutes of July 22nd Joint Meeting and OSTAC Meeting

George Zack moved that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Annette Cislo. The vote was 6-0 to approve the minutes.

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10. Updates

Kristan reviewed upcoming open space events and informed members that City Council approved the Coexistence with Wildlife Policy on August 24, 2010.

11. Other Topics as Desired by OSTAC

Rob thought it might be time to meet again with the Westminster Open Space Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Minutes Prepared by Kristan Pritz

Approved by OSTAC on September 30, 2010.