

*Approved as Amended Jan. 29, 2014*  
**OPEN SPACE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Minutes  
Meeting Date December 11, 2013

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Allyn Feinberg      Tom Isaacson      Frances Hartogh      Molly Davis

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mike Patton      Dean Paschall      Eric Stone      Phillip Yates      Mike Orosel  
Dave Kuntz      Mark Gershman      Leah Case      Alyssa Frideres      Michele Gonzales

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM 1 – Approval of Minutes**

Tom Isaacson said the first line on page 3 should say, “. . . needs to be completed or state that it is omitted.” The second sentence should say, “Kacey said information for table two in the section for conservation issues was taken from the Grassland Management Plan.” He said the second to last paragraph on page 3 should reflect that Allyn Feinberg was also concerned about the access to Gregory Canyon. He said on page 4, in the second to last paragraph, it should say, “Council redrafted the ordinance to allow e-bikes on land anywhere other than Open Space.” Frances Hartogh indicated that on page 2 the second line should say, “Council Member Plass asked the Board for their thoughts . . .”

Tom Isaacson moved to approve the minutes from November 13, 2013 as amended. Frances Hartogh seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 2 – Public Participation for Items not on the Agenda**

Sue Douglass, Boulder, said something that is lacking in the Trail Study Area (TSA) process is a rigorous adherence to the “side boards”. This was something that was lost time and time again by the Community Collaboration Group (CCG) members. The rationale of certain policies being included as well as the details within past policies that still apply is important to bring out front and center.

Allyn said the process for future TSAs might be different than the West TSA, but any already adopted policies will remain a part of the process.

**AGENDA ITEM 3 – Director’s Updates**

Mike Patton, Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Director, and Mark Gershman, Environmental Planning Supervisor, gave an update to the Board on flood impacts and the next steps, as well as TSA planning. This presentation is saved in S:OSMP\Admin\OSBT\Minutes\Minutes 2013\December.

Frances asked if items the Board voted on in 2013 (and got pushed back due to the flood) will be carried forward into 2014. Mike said yes. Molly Davis asked how staff will address getting trails back to OSMP standard. Mike said all of the trails will be looked at again to determine if more work needs to be done. Molly asked if taking more time to repair the trails saves money. Mike said it depends on what is trying to be accomplished; trails that allow for specific use may require different maintenance. Frances said in the Shanahan Ridge area, people are unwilling to walk on damaged trails, which creates more and wider trails. Mike said figuring out how to avoid that will have to be part of the decision making process on repairs; intermediate fixes might be better as they get people back on the designated trails. Tom asked if

there are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) trails that are no longer accessible. Mike said not to his knowledge.

Allyn said waiting two years for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding is too long in a crisis situation. Mike said the department has reserve funding to help offset these costs. Mark noted that FEMA likes when agencies take actions regardless of whether there would be FEMA funding or not.

Frances asked how wildlife and plants were impacted by the flood. Mark said staff does not have a lot of information, but so far they have not seen any direct mortality other than in a few prairie dog areas. Molly asked how staff is documenting their time spent on flood recovery. Mark said there are a couple people on staff documenting time spent on flood recovery projects, and individual staff members document their time in the timesheet database. Molly asked if more staff time will be needed next year to get the work done. Mike said yes, but the work plan is not finalized. Tom asked if there are any significant projects that are not happening due to money constraints. Mike said no.

Mike said the North TSA is the next TSA staff is planning. He said a conversation about access on the Joder property needs to take place. Mark added that they should also have a conversation regarding the Board's interest and motivation for the public process. Tom asked if there is a specific quarter in mind on when to hold a study session. Mark said this is up to the Board. Allyn said they might want to wait until staff has finalized the work plan. There are a lot of things backed up, so making sure the TSA does not override other projects is important. Mike noted that access and potential trail connections (which are in the North TSA) are something people want to be addressed sooner rather than later. He said council does not want another CCG; it will be up to the Board and staff to come up with an appropriate process.

Mike said Xcel has a power line serving the Shanahan Ridge neighborhood that is proposed to be put onto Open Space. This cannot go forward until the Board makes a recommendation to grant Xcel a non-exclusive license. He said they need to schedule an emergency meeting where the Board can provide a recommendation. Tom said the City Attorney's Office (CAO), Xcel and the Shanahans should be notified of the meeting. The Board decided to meet Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 8:00 a.m.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4 – Matters from the Board**

Molly proposed the idea of having a joint meeting with the Jefferson County Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC), and the Boulder County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC). The Board expressed interest in this collaboration. Molly said she will contact both groups.

The Board was asked by City Council to answer questions regarding the 2014 council goals. The Board's response to council is saved in S:OSMP\Admin\OSBT\Minutes\Minutes 2013\December.

Allyn asked if there should be a discussion about taxes at an upcoming meeting, now that the ballot issues have passed. Mike said he will ask Bob Eichem to join the Board for a discussion at an upcoming meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

*These minutes were prepared by Leah Case.*

APPROVED BY:

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Allyn Feinberg  
Board Chair

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