

*Approved as Amended 9/9/15*  
**OPEN SPACE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Minutes  
Meeting Date August 12, 2015

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Shelley Dunbar      Frances Hartogh      Molly Davis      Kevin Bracy Knight      Tom Isaacson

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tracy Winfree      Jim Reeder      Steve Armstead      Mark Gershman      Kelly Wasserbach  
Alyssa Frideres      Phil Yates      Brian Anacker      Deryn Wagner      Juliet Bonnell  
Lynne Sullivan      Lisa Dierauf      Juanita Echeverri      Jayne Basford      Dave Sutherland  
Joe Reale      Leah Case      Cecil Fenio

**GUESTS**

Brian Wilkerson, Revolution Advisors  
Heather Bergman, Peak Facilitation

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA ITEM 1 – Approval of the Minutes**

Shelley Dunbar said on page two in the fourth paragraph under North TSA and Youth Engagement Update, the word “public” should be added before “involvement.”

Frances Hartogh moved the Open Space Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from July 8, 2015 as amended. Tom Isaacson seconded. This motion passed four to zero; Kevin Bracy Knight abstained as he was absent at the last meeting.

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

Alan Delamere, Boulder, expressed his concern that the development at Mapleton Hospital will negatively impact the parking near Sanitas. He requested that the Board weigh in on this development. He also suggested designating some of the flood sites in the Sanitas Valley area as historic.

Suzanne Webel, Boulder County, said that the Boulder County Horse Association (BCHA) supports the city ordinance enabling staff to enforce designated horse trailer parking at trailheads. She said the data used for the visitation study in the North Trail Study Area (TSA) report is skewed; sites that were used for this study do not have equestrian access or parking. She said the equestrian community is much higher than one percent. She added that all of the social trails at Joder Ranch should be included in this process.

Mike Barrow, on behalf of Boulder Mountainbike Alliance, said during the West TSA, the Board engaged in discussion after the public process was over, which led to compromises not being held in very high esteem. He said he was pleased to hear that during the North TSA, the Board was going to own this process. Decisions made throughout the public process should also include what the Board would like to see. He asked that the Board choose not to make changes to decisions made once this process is over.

**AGENDA ITEM 3 – Matters from Staff**

**General Updates**

Brian Wilkerson, Revolution Advisors, gave an overview of the findings from the Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) organizational assessment.

Tom asked where staff is in this process. Tracy said all of these recommendations have been accepted; the next step will be posting for the vacant division manager positions. Tom asked what the budget impacts will be. Tracy said there are five new Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions. Kevin asked how the District Management Council will work. Tracy said this is still in the works, but generally, various staff within OSMP who bring different skill sets would work together to help manage particular areas of OSMP. Frances expressed her concern that the Board was not provided more information about this process; it would have been courteous to have more of a heads up regarding the complete restructuring of OSMP organization. Tracy said these types of decisions generally do not involve the Board; staff was simply bringing this update as a courtesy.

### **Regulation Updates**

Joe Reale, Ranger Supervisor, informed the Board about several possible regulation updates that will be taken to City Council for approval. This includes, a change to current regulations regarding equine use, sledding/skiing and a new regulation regarding horse trailer parking per the West Trail Study Area Plan.

Tom asked if this change would take away the city manager authority to designate new sliding areas. Joe said no, but fixed heel activities within the sliding areas would remain illegal. Shelley asked how this will affect areas that have not gone through a TSA planning process yet. Joe said a TSA process could designate another sliding area, but it would still be subject to this regulation.

Frances asked what will change with horse trailer parking. Joe said the new regulation will allow rangers to actually enforce these areas. Kevin suggested that all of these ordinance changes should get noticed publicly to ensure there are no surprises.

Tracy added that a new ordinance, which will clarify that a transfer of property from one department to another is a disposal, will go to City Council in the first quarter of 2016.

### **Education Programs Update**

Juanita Echeverri, Lynne Sullivan, and Dave Sutherland, Education and Outreach Coordinators; and Jayne Basford, Dog Regulation Education Coordinator, gave a presentation on the various OSMP education programs.

Frances asked if more programs could be offered in school classrooms if OSMP had more volunteer naturalists. Lynne said yes, but with more educators she would hope to bring more kids out on to the land. She said the one aspect that prevents this, is schools not having funding for transportation. Molly said she would like to see a larger budget dedicated to this program; having people physically look at and experience the land is so important.

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

Tracy Winfree, Director, gave an update on the upcoming joint Board meeting regarding the Chautauqua lease. This meeting will be focused on updating and renegotiating lease terms between the city and Chautauqua. The OSBT is not a party to this lease, but this may affect the access management plan. Any questions or feedback can be brought to that meeting.

Shelley suggested that the Board retreat be postponed until the new Board member has started next spring.

Tom asked that staff notice the North TSA expert panels as a public meeting so that all Board members are able to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Leah Case.

APPROVED BY:

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Shelley Dunbar  
Board Chair

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