

October 10, 2012 Open Space Board of Trustees Recommendation for Enhancing the Voice and Sight Tag Program

On October 10, 2012 the Open Space Board of Trustees (OSBT) unanimously approved and recommended Voice and Sight Tag Program enhancements to the Boulder City Council.

In order to ready materials for a November 13, 2012 City Council study session, the OSBT approved the section of the October 10, 2012 minutes containing the specific wording of the OSBT's motion on Voice and Sight Tag Program enhancements.

MOTION

Allyn Feinberg moved that the Open Space Board of Trustees approve and recommend to the Boulder City Council that the Voice and Sight Tag Program be modified with items one through eight as listed in the staff memo of October 10, 2012 with the changes made in the Board discussion. Tom Isaacson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Require all program participants attend an information session. New program participants must attend a session before they can register in the program. Existing participants will have a one year period after implementation to attend the information session.
2. Require that dogs managed under voice and sight control will be registered in the program only if proof of current rabies vaccination/City of Boulder dog license is provided.
3. Additional education and outreach strategies as recommended in Attachment B.
 - a. Provide training programs
Strategy for OSMP: No
Strategy for the community: Yes
 - b. Increase outreach/education about training opportunities
Strategy for OSMP: Investigate options; can be accomplished through information session
Strategy for the community: Yes
 - c. Support stake-holder efforts
 - i. Adopt a trail program
 - ii. Dog ambassador program (i.e. FIDOS Trails Group)
Strategy for OSMP: Yes
Strategy for the community: Yes
 - d. Revise and update the voice and sight video
Strategy for OSMP: Yes
Strategy for the community: No
 - e. Create refresher videos on requirements, etiquette or issues
Strategy for OSMP: Consider phase-in based on time and cost
Strategy for the community: No
 - f. Use traditional and social media to provide instructive educational information to participants

- Strategy for OSMP: Email communication should be limited to important program updates
 Strategy for the community: No
- g. Provide educational walks for dogs and dog guardians
 Strategy for OSMP: Trial basis
 Strategy for the community: Yes
 - h. Improve clarity and information on signs
 Strategy for OSMP: Yes
 Strategy for the community: No
 - i. Palm cards for explaining requirements
 Strategy for OSMP: Yes
 Strategy for the community: No
 - j. Implement a “gold tag” dog training incentive program
 Strategy for OSMP: Not recommended at this time
 Strategy for the community: No
 - k. Increase outreach and education to visitors without dogs about voice and sight control and what to expect
 Strategy for OSMP: Yes
 Strategy for the community: Yes
 - l. Provide areas on OSMP where voice and sight control training is allowed
 Strategy for OSMP: Possible to consider under specific conditions and on a well suited property
 Strategy for the community: No
4. Fines for B.R.C. 6-13-2 Voice and Sight Evidence Tag Required are increased to \$100, \$200, and \$300 (minimum) for first, second and third or more convictions. Provide mechanism for dismissal of tickets for lawful participants who inadvertently failed to display tag.
 5.
 - a. Revocation of program privileges will occur with one conviction of Aggressive Animal Prohibited (B.R.C. 6-1-20) or Failure to Protect Wildlife (or livestock) (B.R.C. 8-3-5). This revocation is applicable to dog and/or dog guardian. Include a clear path for reinstatement of privileges.
 - b. Revocation of program privileges will occur with two convictions in two years for specified other dog-related violations on OSMP property. Include a clear path for reinstatement of privileges.
 6. Encourage courts to order such additions to fines as watching the voice and sight video, attending the voice and sight information session, dog training, and/or demonstration testing for egregious or repeat dog-related violations consistent with the nature of the violation. In particular we recommend community service for dog poop violations.
 7. Modify the program registration process and fees to include a graduated initial fee and annual renewal for residents of the city, residents of the county, and non-county residents. The annual renewal fee for non-city residents will be significantly higher.
 8. Adaptive management and monitoring program, to evaluate program success, will be developed prior to implementation of the voice and sight program changes.

On October 10, 2012, John Putnam called for a vote to accept section 5(b) of the larger motion. The OSBT vote to approve section 5(b) passed 4:1, (Feinberg, Hartogh Isaacson, and Putnam in favor; Dunbar dissenting).

On October 10, 2012, Allyn Feinberg made the motion described above for the entire recommendation. The motion was seconded by Tom Isaacson. The motion passed 5:0, (Dunbar, Feinberg, Hartogh, Isaacson, and Putnam in favor).

On October 24, 2012, Shelley Dunbar made the motion to approve the Voice and Sight motion as amended. The motion was seconded by Tom Isaacson. The motion passed 4:1, (Dunbar, Feinberg, Isaacson, and Putnam in favor; Hartogh dissenting).