

NOTES
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 27, 2010
Mead Town Hall
441 3rd Street, Mead, CO

Members Present: Chair Jeff Engelman and Linda Martin.
Also in attendance was Dan Dean.

1. The committee discussed the type of fences. Jeff had found a concrete cone type post that sits on the top of the ground and has holes for 4" round wood fence rails. Jeff will check on the cost and availability of the concrete posts. The committee is recommending that all four corners of the property have these fences (one section of fence extending in either direction from the corner posts). This will require 12 concrete posts and 16 wood rails. Open Space signs are to be attached to the fences. Linda will find out how far the concrete posts must be from the roadway for safety reasons.
2. The committee discussed the draft GOCO grant application for a master plan for the Town. Linda prepared a draft application for Dan to finalize. Dan prepared a sample letter of support and a request letter to send to organizations seeking their letters of support.
3. Jeff gave an update on the pending open space conservation easement grant. Colorado Open Lands received word that the review appraisal had been completed but had not yet been released. Once the appraisal has been released we will know more about moving forward with this acquisition.
4. The committee discussed trail development. Linda had completed an ownership review for a future trail south from downtown to the Colorado State Park. The conclusion was that there was no clear path readily available. Much of the land over which a trail would go is more likely to be developed in Weld County and not the Town of Mead. It was recommended that we share our trail plan with Weld County and encourage them to incorporate a trail from the Town to the state park.

The committee decided to focus a trail on which they could have a more immediate impact. After discussing several options they decided to focus on developing a trail along WCR 34.5 to WCR 5 and then a section to the north to Highland Lake and a trail further west and south to the Mead Ponds.

5. Because of scheduling conflicts the next meeting was postponed until September 14, 2010. In this fashion the committee would combine the August and September meetings.
6. Adjournment was at 8:10

Respectfully submitted,

Dan J. Dean