

MINUTES  
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 1, 2011, 6:00 p.m.  
Mead Town Hall  
441 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Mead, CO

Members Present: Linda Trahern, Jim Sarvadi, and Linda Martin.  
Also in attendance were Dan Dean and Thomas Morrissey for the Colorado State Parks Department.

The Minutes of January 25, 2011 were approved upon a motion by Linda Martin and seconded by Jim Sarvadi.

The committee identified locations for signs to be posted on the conservation easement. Dan will work with Dan Dennison to have them installed.

The committee discussed the type of fence they would like installed at the corners of the easement. Two corners were identified: WCR 34.5 and WCR 5, and WCR 34.75 and WCR 5. Rather than using stone pillars the committee decided to use post and rail fencing. Again, Dan will work with Dan Dennison to install the fencing.

The committee discussed with Mr. Morrissey what resources the Colorado State Parks Department could provide in the areas of open space and trails. Mr. Morrissey indicated that his department has several grant programs available to communities. They have a large grant program for trails construction and maintenance. The large grants can be up to \$200,000 and require a 30% match. They provide small grants up to \$45,000. They also require a 30% match. They also provide funding for planning grants. More information on their grants is available on their web site.

The committee inquired about the availability of technical service from CSPD in the areas of trails and open space. They can provide technical assistance in the area of trails but not so much for open space.

A discussion was held regarding the best approach to open space. Should the Town purchase conservation easements or make outright purchases? Should open space be located to create buffers between Mead and other communities or should it be located within the community neighborhood separators and create view corridors? Is there a minimum dimension for an open space parcel? Is there a particular shape that is preferred? While the committee did not reach any specific conclusions on these issues, it was agreed that the answer to these questions would be based on the values of the community. Further, this committee, more than any other group, can delineate the values for the community.

The committee has a meeting scheduled with the Colorado State Parks staff on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 9 am here at Town Hall. In addition to having additional discussion on these topics CSPD staff will bring some written material regarding the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Program and the Trust for Public Lands.

The committee discussed the next steps in acquiring an open space park and trail adjacent to Highland Lake. It was decided to invite Mike Litzenberger to the next meeting to determine the next steps in pursuing the park. In the meantime Dan was asked to contact the Weld County Planning Department regarding a pending application by the Litzenbergers.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2011.

Adjournment was at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan J. Dean