

MINUTES
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 26, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
Mead Town Hall
441 3rd Street, Mead, CO

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

1. The Minutes of September 14, 2010 and September 18, 2010 were approved upon a motion by Linda Martin and seconded by Linda Trahern.
2. It was noted that the closing for second conservation easement was set for Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 4 pm. Jeff planned to attend. The committee discussed having a celebration event to acknowledge completing the acquisition. Linda Trahern will coordinate the activity and Dan will assist her in planning the event.
3. The committee decided they would like to pursue the open space park adjacent to Highland Lake. Jeff will contact Mike to see if he is still interested in selling the park to the Town. The committee discussed whether or not to pursue a GOCO grant for this project. The pros and cons of getting suitable appraisals were discussed. The committee decided to go forward keeping this option open until it creates insurmountable road blocks. Dan is to contact GOCO about their appraisal requirements.

The Town had previously applied for a grant for the park but was unsuccessful because there was not a passive park use plan. The committee believes we need to develop a passive park use plan and is recommending that the Town work with Brad Goetz or another park planner to develop a passive park use plan.

The committee also discussed how operations and maintenance would be handled if the Town acquires the park. It was the consensus of the committee that open space impact fees would be use to purchase the park, and that the committee would identify the parameters for a passive park, it would then be owned, operated and maintained by the Town.

4. The committee supported Jeff's pillar and post concept. The committee decided that we should put up a three pillar fence on the east side of the property
5. Linda Trahern contacted Boulder County Open Space to find out where they had their signs made. However, she has not received a response from them. She will continue her efforts to get a price for signs.
6. Linda Trahern attended the Weld Trails Coordination Committee and brought a wealth of information back from that committee. One of the resources that Linda identified was a Colorado State Park employee that could assist us in developing a trails and park plan. Linda will invite Nancy Matchett to the committee meeting in January to discuss how they can assist the Town.
7. Linda Martin explained that inter-community trail connections are not well defined. Linda suggested that during the next year we hold joint meetings with other communities to better identify regional trail connections.

8. The next meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2010. The December meeting would be on the 28th, a day many people will not be in town. The committee decided to cancel that meeting. The meeting in January will be on the 25th.
9. Adjournment was at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan J. Dean