

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

**I. RECURRING ITEMS**

**ROLL CALL**

Kathie Shandro	Board Member	Present
Jay Sage	Board Member	Present
Quinn Kayser-Cochran	Board Member	Present
Ron Claussen	Board Member	Absent
Greg Sprigg	Board Member	Present
Tobey Stein	Board Member	Absent
Brian O'Malley	Board Member	Present
Mark Geibel	Board Member	Absent

**II. Disclosure for Items on the Agenda**  
None

**III. Adoption of Amended Agenda**

RESULT: Adopted  
MOVER: Shandro  
SECONDER: Kayser-Cochran  
AYES: Sage, O'Malley, Sprigg, Kayser-Cochran, Shandro  
ABSENT: Claussen, Stein, Geibel

**IV. Approval of October minutes**

RESULT: Adopted  
MOVER: Shandro  
SECONDER: Stein  
AYES: Sage, O'Malley, Sprigg, Kayser-Cochran, Shandro  
ABSENT: Claussen, Stein, Geibel

**V. Public Comment**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**VI. New Property Acquisition Proposals**

Ms. Cheryl Matthews, Director of Open Space and Natural Resources, reported that the Schmitz property acquisition will be on the Board of County Commissioners business meeting agenda on December 12<sup>th</sup>. This property had been reviewed with COSAC members at previous meetings. It is anticipated that two separate conservation easements will be placed on the property. The first, will be held by the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and will cover the riparian areas. The second, will be held by Douglas Land Conservancy and cover the remaining portion of the property.

Ms. Matthews also provided an update on the Sandstone Ranch property which has been previously reviewed with COSAC members. A tour is scheduled for next week. Should this acquisition move forward, it would be a funded partnership with The Conservation Fund, and potentially with Greater Outdoors Colorado through a grant application process.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

**VII. Highlands Ranch Community Association – Speakers for Delegate Meetings**

COSAC members had previously agreed to include the Highlands Ranch Community Association Delegate Meetings as one of the groups that the COSAC speaking tour would engage. Board member Jay Sage was notified by the HRCOA, that they would prefer that a Douglas County employee be the presenter.

COSAC board members and Open Space Staff collectively discussed previous speaking tour engagements as well as some potential future engagements.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

**VIII. The 2017 Land Trust Alliance Rally Recap (added item)**

COSAC board members and Open Space Staff collectively discussed various topics that were highlighted at the 2017 Land Trust Alliance Rally conference and reception dinner. Topics included:

- Survey/polling methods
- Political-party affiliation and voting results relative to land conservation
- Difference in funding for various surveys/polls
- Structure of survey/ballot language
- Possible discussion with State Representatives
- Feasibility studies
- Overall state of economy relative to voting results supporting land conservation

No action was taken on this agenda item.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**VI. Lincoln Mountain Re-Visioning**

Mr. Scott McEldowney, Assistant Director of Open Space and Natural Resources, stated that Staff is in the process of completing a month-to-month lease for the sublessee at Lincoln Mountain.

Mr. McEldowney asked COSAC members if there were any new ideas to add to the alternative ideas list for the property that was established at last month's meeting. No new ideas were introduced from COSAC members. Staff did introduce the idea of creating a "Nature-Play" area along the south end of the property inclusive of the creek.

COSAC members and Staff had a collective discussion on various aspects/ideas for a nature-play area, revisited some of the alternative use ideas provided at the last COSAC meeting, and discussed several agriculture options/leasing scenarios that could be proposed.

Mr. McEldowney stated that Staff would soon be meeting with the BOCC to present several options and an overall recommendation for the future use of the property.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

## **INFORMATION UPDATES**

Mr. McEldowney provided overall numbers on grazing statistics on Greenland Open Space as well as general high-intensity/short-duration program information.

Board member Brian O'Malley reviewed information recently emailed on the Town of Parker's Parks and Open Space plans for the Harvie property.

Board member Greg Sprigg reported that the City of Lone Tree now has a total population of approximately 15,000 people and is moving forward with various development plans located east of Interstate 25. These developments have the potential to increase the population to 25,000 people. Mr. Sprigg stated that it is his plan to present to the City of Lone Tree's council on the Douglas County Open Space program.

## **ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

Board member Sage motioned for adjournment. Board member Sprigg seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.