

City of Aurora  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD  
AMC, Sand Creek Room  
May 28, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Victoria Samuel, Vice Chair Suzy Cress, Wayne Gallagher, Lee Lindholm, Brad Stratton, Susan Bruce, Tom Isaacson and Mark Christopher

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Pat Schuler, Manager of Open Space and Natural Resources (OSNR); Mike Bonham, Park Ranger Supervisor; Michelle Teller, Planner II; and Sarah Maier, Administrative Support.

VISITORS PRESENT: None

CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Victoria Samuel at 5:28 P.M.

- I. WELCOME: Victoria Samuel welcomed Ranger Mike, the Mundus Bishop Consultants and the Open Space Board.
  - GUEST SPEAKERS: Ranger Supervisor, Mike Bonham shared some wildlife pictures from the trail camera on the Murphy Creek property.
- II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Tom Isaacson motioned to approve the agenda. Suzy Cress seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
  - **April Minutes** – Tom Isaacson motioned to approve the April minutes. Mark Christopher seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- IV. PROS MANAGEMENT REMARKS:
  - a) **Pat Schuler, OSNR Manager** –
    - i. **Update on PCC Master Plan:** Tina Bishop and Kelly Ream with Mundus Bishop presented an update on the Plains Conservation Center Master Plan. They shared the sketches and plan for the site ahead of taking the plan to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting in August for approval. Wayne Gallagher commented that they did an excellent job taking all of the community input and putting it together.
- V. REPORTS:
  - Mark Christopher has officially been reappointed to the Board. Susan Bruce and Brad Stratton have officially been appointed to the Board.
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS:
  - Redistribution of City Council Member contacts.
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS:
  - The Board discussed 2019 field trips. The June meeting will take place at Triple Creek, the August meeting at the Murphy Creek property and the September meeting at Pronghorn Natural Area.
- IX. ISSUES TO CITY COUNCIL: The group determined this month’s bullet points to be sent to their assigned City Council Member.
- X. CHAIR'S REMARKS: Victoria mentioned that she currently has a Red-tailed Hawk nest in her backyard.

XI. GUEST COMMENTS: None

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS & DISCUSSION:

- a) **Tom Isaacson** – Tom announced that he attended the Sand Creek Board Fundraiser and it was an excellent chance to see everything come together. He also announced that he and Brad Stratton would be participating in the Denver Chalk Art Festival.
- b) **Wayne Gallagher** – Wayne announced that he will be leading the next bird walk on June 8 at Pronghorn Natural Area. He also announced the art show at Plains Conservation Center on June 14.
- c) **Brad Stratton** – Brad commented that he is excited about the field trip to the triple creek area and seeing the highway construction in the area. He also commented that he was grateful to the Forestry Division for opening the two limb drop-off areas after the snow storm.
- d) **Suzy Cress** – Suzy mentioned that there was a shopping cart and construction barrel in the creek at Sand Creek. Also, one of the bridges in that area was clogged below and spilling over the top. Pat to follow up with staff.
- e) **Mark Christopher** – Mark thanked Pat and Ranger Mike for presenting on wildlife issues at the Ward 6 meeting.

XIII. ADJOURN: Tom Isaacson motioned to adjourn. Wayne Gallagher seconded the motion. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

The next meeting will be June 25 at 5:30 P.M at the AMC in the Sand Creek Room

Victoria Samuel, Chair

Sarah Maier, Recording Secretary

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