

City of Aurora
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
AMC, SAND CREEK ROOM
DECEMBER 10, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Victoria Samuel, Vice Chair Suzy Cress, Wayne Gallagher, Lee Lindholm, Brad Stratton, Bob Hunchberger and Tom Isaacson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Christopher

STAFF PRESENT: Pat Schuler, Manager of Open Space and Natural Resources (OSNR); Tracy Young, Manager of Planning Design & Construction (PD&C); John Sawatzke, Principal Landscape Architect in PD&C; and Sarah Maier, Administrative Support.

VISITORS PRESENT: Steve Kennedy, Rick Ericksen and Nicholas Kinney.

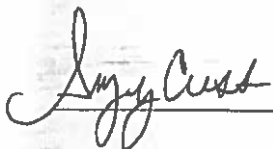
CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Victoria Samuel at 5:30 P.M.

- I. **WELCOME:** Victoria Samuel welcomed the guest speakers, board member applicants and the Open Space Board.
 - **GUEST SPEAKERS:**
 - a. Tracy Young presented on the master plan amendment for the Aurora Reservoir. Section 17 will be the site for the new Southeast Recreation Center and it will be removed from the Reservoir Master Plan. The amendment will go to a public meeting for approval in February of 2020.
- II. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Tom Isaacson motioned to approve the agenda. Lee Lindholm seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - **September Minutes** – The board members noted two mistakes on the minutes to be changed. Tom Isaacson motioned to approve the August minutes with the proposed changes. Brad Stratton seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- IV. **PROS MANAGEMENT REMARKS:**
 - Pat Schuler reported that the Buckley Buffer project has been finished. She also shared that OSNR will begin raising fundraising for the Plains Conservation Center Master Plan and may reach out to the board for support letters for grant applications.
- V. **REPORTS:** None.
- VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - The board interviewed applicant, Steve Kennedy.
 - The board interviewed applicant, Rick Ericksen.
 - The board interviewed applicant, Nicholas Kinney.
 - A vote took place and Steve Kennedy was recommend to be appointed to the board.
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - Victoria Samuel recapped the presentation at the Parks, Foundation & Quality of Life Policy Committee meeting that took place in October. The presentation went very well and the Council Members were very engaged in the topic.
 - Victoria Samuel discussed the presentation for public meetings that the board members started to put together. She will create a draft of the presentation and bring to the January meeting.
 - The board reassigned City Council member contacts to each board member.

- IX. ISSUES TO CITY COUNCIL: The group determined this month's bullet points to be sent to their assigned City Council Members.
- X. CHAIR'S REMARKS: Victoria Samuel thanked OSNR staff for quickly taking care of an issue with dogs off-leash in an open space area.
- XI. GUEST COMMENTS: None
- XII. MEMBER COMMENTS & DISCUSSION:
 - a) Tom Isaacson – Tom mentioned that the ban on canine cyanide bombs was just lifted and wanted the city to be aware of this.
 - b) Brad Stratton – Brad mentioned that himself, Tom and Wayne have a Flickr page to share wildlife photography and invited the rest of the board to join if they are interested.
 - c) Suzy Cress – Suzy mentioned that the Cottonwood Experience Trail was put in Sand Creek. Also, there have been a lot of migrating birds in that area.
 - d) Wayne Gallagher – Wayne mentioned that he has been visiting Plains Conservation Center and Ponderosa Reserve often.
 - e) Bob Hunchberger – Bob was appreciative of the sign at the Plains Conservation Center entrance stating, 'no four wheelers allowed'. He mentioned that it may be beneficial to have another sign halfway down the trail.
- XIII. ADJOURN: Tom Isaacson motioned to adjourn. Brad Stratton seconded the motion. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

The next meeting will be on January 28 at 5:30 P.M at the AMC in the Sand Creek Room.

Victoria Samuel, Chair



Sarah Maier, Recording Secretary