

City of Aurora  
**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD**  
WebEx Meeting  
June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Gallagher, Tom Isaacson, Steve Kennedy, Brad Stratton, Mark Christopher, Jason Amaya, Vicky Samuel.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Hunchberger, Suzy Cress.

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Green, OSNR Acting Manager; Lauren Morales, Administrative Support.

VISITORS PRESENT: None.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Wayne Gallagher called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.
- II. WELCOME: Brian Green welcomed everyone to the Confluence Open Space Site.
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Tom Isaacson motioned to rearrange the agenda. Unfinished business and new business were moved forward. Mark Christopher seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - Steve Kennedy motioned to adopt the 2022 OSAB Action Plan, as amended. Tom Isaacson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - A matter of unfinished business was to assign a board member to complete the board outreach presentation. Tom Isaacson was working on this presentation prior to COVID and sent it to Bob Hunchberger to review. Both agreed the current presentation is too long. One suggestion was to implement a table of contents which would arrange the presentation by intended audience (Council members, boy scouts, HOAs, etc). Tom suggested Bob would be good for this appointment. Bob said he is interested but will be out of town a lot this summer. Tom will send all board members a link to the presentation and ask who would like to be on the development committee. The idea will be for the committee to meet a couple of times over the summer to have the presentation ready by fall. Wayne was on the committee for this sometime before COVID and offered to help again if others are unable. Tom also suggested the presentation will need more pictures. Wayne and Mark both expressed interest in the committee. Tom will send the link to all board members and suggest some potential meeting dates. Whoever is free and interested may join in on the suggested dates.
  - Another matter of unfinished business was to review the Weed Management Plan. This plan was established in 2016 and should be reviewed this year. Eric Watts, OSNR Superintendent, will review first and is looking for 2-3 board members to review the plan after. Tom, Jason, and Brad were all interested. Board member availability to review is after July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Wayne offered to alternate if anyone ends up unavailable for review.
- V. NEW BUSINESS:
  - The 2022 Chair elections were set to be held. Tom sent a reminder email after the last meeting. Steve expressed interest in running for the Chair position. Wayne spoke to some of the Chair responsibilities-ensure rules are being followed, run meetings, follow up on items, and sign approved minutes. The Chair should also coordinate with Brian on agenda items and ideas for meetings. The Chair must give an annual presentation to the PFQL committee at the end of the year, usually around October. Tom added that the position is for a 1-year term, and only two terms can be served consecutively. Steve thanked everyone for considering him for the position. He mentioned he has had a lot of experience chairing boards and committees and feels he could learn and accomplish a lot in the role. Board members mentioned the Vice Chair position is also a great opportunity to learn, as no one had come forward to express interest in the Vice Chair role. Brad mentioned he was interested in the Vice Chair position. Tom moved to close nominations. Vicky seconded the motion, motion carried. Steve Kennedy was elected to the Chair position and Brad Stratton to the Vice Chair position. The board members all thanked Vicky Samuel and Suzy Cress for their time as Chair and Vice Chair.

- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tom Isaacson motioned to approve the minutes from the May OSB meeting. Brad Stratton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- VII. CHAIR REMARKS: Steve Kennedy thanked the board members for electing him as the new Chair. He mentioned he is very excited about the new role. The current OSB is a great group of people with a great cause, and Steve feels honored to get to lead the group this year. Steve also mentioned he has a question about a marker point at Senac concerning property boundaries. Brian said Eric Watts would be able to help. Steve thanked Brad for sharing an overview of the monitoring at Pronghorn during the May OSB meeting.
- VIII. MANAGEMENT REMARKS:
- Brian Green shared that the PROS Organizational Study and Master Planning Process have both begun. Meetings are already being held with the selected consultants. Sasaki is leading the PROS Master Plan and will contain robust public outreach. Brian will share more details with the board as they are finalized. The Organizational Study is being led by consultant Berry Dunn and examines how the department is organized. This will hopefully help direct next steps concerning the OSNR manager position. In the meantime, Brian is continuing in two positions as acting manager and superintendent. He thanked the board members for their patience and understanding. Information about the City Ward Redistricting Process was emailed out to all board members. The OSB members can provide feedback on the process and help spread the word to others. Lauren Morales also mentioned an email that had come in from Nicole Hodges, of the Human Relations Commission. The email stated that the Human Relations Commission is having a community event this year for public outreach. Nicole wanted to reach out to the other City boards and commissions to see if there was any interest in collaborating. The OSB members were very interested. Steve and Mark offered to connect with Nicole to express the board's interest in collaborating on this project.
- IX. ISSUES TO CITY COUNCIL:
- Steve Kennedy elected as new OSB Chair and Brad Stratton elected as Vice Chair.
  - Committee organized to work on OSB Outreach Program.
  - Committee organized to review Weed Management Plan.
  - OSB members are interested in collaborating with the Human Relations Commission for a community event this year concerning public outreach.
  - Brian Green, OSNR Acting Manager, led the OSB on a tour of the Confluence Open Space Site.
- X. MEMBER COMMENTS & DISCUSSION:
- Mark asked Brian about some wire fence that was all torn up at the Red-Tailed Hawk creek area. Brian answered that part of that property is maintained by Parks O&M, part by APS, and part by OSNR. Eric Watts will take a look.
  - Vicky thanked the board for her time serving as Chair. She has made a good connection with her assigned Council member and connected them with Brian on a question about the ACRE site. She will connect again. The CM is potentially interested in touring at future OSB meetings.
- XI. ADJOURN: Tom Isaacson motioned to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. Wayne Gallagher seconded the motion. Motion carried. The business portion of the June OSB meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. Brian then led available board members on a tour of the Confluence Open Space Site. The tour ended at approximately 7:15 PM.

The next meeting will be on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. at the ACRE site.

*Steven L Kennedy*

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Steve Kennedy, Chair

*Lauren R. Morales*

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Lauren Morales, Recording Secretary