

OSAC Regular Session Directors Report February 5, 2015

Events & Invitations

1. Next JCOS Trails Talk Scheduled

The next forum is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00 p.m., at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden.

2. Volunteer Recruitment Fairs

We will be recruiting volunteers on Saturday, February 7th, from 10:00a.m. -2:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 12th from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at the Open Space office.

3. Park Directors Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19th at 8:30 a.m., at the Open Space office.

Activities of Interest

4. Jeffco Open Space Organizational Structure

In your Dropbox is a new organizational structure that includes the new position of Business Services Manager and reorganization of sections.

5. Conservation Trust Fund 10-Year Financial Plan

Recently various County staff worked on the Conservation Trust Fund 10-Year Financial Plan, a copy of the Plan is in your Dropbox. The goal of this effort was to identify funding for eligible county projects, grant programs and trails outside Jeffco Open Space Parks.

6. Jeffco Shooting Range Update

On January 22, 2015, staff met with City of Arvada Parks and Utilities staff to discuss next steps in planning the Shooting Range on or near Pattridge Park off 82nd Avenue. The 2015 Jefferson County Conservation Trust Fund Budget includes \$30,000 to assist in developing an overall site or master plan for Pattridge Park/Blunn/Pioneer site south of 82nd Avenue and east of Highway 93. This plan will look at trails, parking, the shooting range and relocation of the model airplane site. Amy Ito will serve on the City's internal Planning team.

7. Trail Stewardship Team Schedule

The 40th year will begin June 16th and ends July 30th. Applications will be available online from February 27th until March 31st and the selection drawing will be held at the Open Space office on April 3rd.

8. North Table Mountain Park Prairie Dog Action Plan

A meeting with the Parkview Villas and Tablerock Homeowners (HOAs) Associations was held on January 20th to discuss the plan and answer questions. The 17 citizens in attendance were supportive of the plan. Staff also produced an Outdoor Insights on Prairie Dogs that was sent electronically to the HOAs.

9. Meeting with PLAN Jeffco Board

Amy and I met with the PLAN Jeffco Board on January 22nd to review the list of 2015 Goals and Priorities and showcase the changes to the website. Based on this conversation both the 2015 list and the summary of the Conservation Café have been placed on the website.

10. City of Lakewood – Bear Creek Lake OS14-31

The City of Lakewood has requested that the County allow the City to grant a utility easement to Public Service Company (PSCo) for a buried gas line on approximately 0.188 acres (8,191.26 square feet) that will service the Visitor Center. Since this gas line will serve only the park a release of reverter is not necessary. We have informed Lakewood that they can proceed with the grant of an easement to PSCo.

11. Heartland Emmy Award Nomination

Visitor Services Supervisor Mary Ann Bonnell's TV segment on mountain lions with 9NEWS has been nominated for a Heartland Emmy Award. The segment appeared on Colorado and Company.

12. Dines Property Added to Staunton State Park

Today I received an email from Jen Anderson with Colorado Parks & Wildlife to inform us of this good news. You may recall that we were asked for, and provided, a letter of support to purchase this property. In August of 2014, Mr. Dines decided to donate the property and his donation was accepted by the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Commission in December of 2014.