

**FUTURE DATES:**

April 5, 2024	Ann Bonnell, Celebration of Life Service, Pavilion of Reflection, Crown Hill Cemetery, 7777 W 29th Ave, Lakewood, 2PM
April 22, 2024	Colorado Native Plant Society Earth Day event, save the date
August 10, 2024	Ralston Buttes Field Trip

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** 6:38pm, Michelle

**2. ROLL CALL/ QUORUM:** Jean Tate, Vicky Gits, Fred Naess, Cathy Schramm, Don Moore, Michelle Poollet, Lydia Andrews-Jones

**3. VISTORS:** Kari Litz, Courtney App, Jack Mellon, Kirstin Litz

**4. MINUTES:** February 18, 2024 minutes approved as presented, no changes

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Findings presented by Michelle Poollet. \$140 in recent memberships. Balance just over \$26,000. One \$10.00 check earmarked for a hard-copy newsletter had to be returned as there is no longer a hard-copy newsletter.

**6. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA/SEQUENCE:** Introductions, welcome visitors

a) *Michelle had two topics: Membership structure (tabled until next meeting) and opportunity to support our equivalent in Clear Creek*

**7. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

a) **Vote on new Board Member:** Michelle nominated Courtney App. Unanimously approved by quorum. She will need a shirt and nametag.

b) **The March 21 PJ / Tom Hoby meeting** was rescheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>. Subcommittee will discuss further when Peter is available.

c) **See above.**

d) **Newsletter ideas:** Conservation easements, Jeffco Budget (Don); invite public officials including membership to speak so we understand their stance on open space; how to safely interact with horses (Lydia); what is in bloom in the parks (Courtney/Jack); awareness of ground nesting birds and reminder that dogs are not allowed off leash (Jean); information share on Together Jeffco and emphasis on citizen participation (Lydia); Slash (Vicky)

e) **Earth Day Participation, Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm at Crown Hill Open Space Park**

Michelle has the name tags for Lydia and Fred; Courtney needs a shirt and nametag

f) **Summer Potluck:** Fred offered to host at his home in Conifer. He'll provide some proposed dates.

g) **Meeting Chair Rotation Volunteers: April – Michelle; May/July – Don; June TBD; August, September, October – Cathy.**

h) **Membership structure (tabled until next meeting) Michelle**

i) **Opportunity to support our equivalent in Clear Creek Michelle.** Fundraising for a conservation easement on the Floyd Hill Meadow; MALT will be running a fundraiser with a matching grant this summer. MALT owns the property via donation by Frei Quarry, Colorado Open Lands will hold the CE. Michelle will bring back for discussion on whether PLANJeffco would consider donating.

**8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- a) **John Litz Tribute Art Update – Jean:** Picture has encouraged Tom to think about a permanent acknowledgement for John, which might or might not include the picture. Liked it well enough to share with his team to discuss multiple options.
- b) **Together Jeffco – Lydia:** Learned quite a bit at the Golden Gate Canyon meeting. The county is asking for community input as they consider surveys, traffic safety, density of housing, where budget should be spent by category. Lydia provided input to disaster recovery personnel who hadn't considered large animal evacuation. <https://togetherjeffco.com> for more information.
- c) **Transition Report – Michelle:** Transition activities continue and hope to wrap up in the next month or two.
- d) **Reimbursement Requests:** will be submitted once account access is fully addressed. Most forms have been submitted and access should be available to additional executive committee members soon.
- e) **Membership Report – Michelle:** distributed two reports, members + emails and all members, request to all Board to review and send updates ASAP. Reviewed volunteer hours report. Please contact Michelle if you would prefer to enter your own into little green light (LGL). Request to bring personal memberships up to date. No other questions.
- f) **Open Space Park Patroller Report – Fred:** New volunteer interviews were completed recently and were encouraging.
- g) **League of Women Voters Report – Jean:** Sustainability committee did a zoom presentation on energy efficiency. A hot topic was to consider providing a video of the presentation with links on where to start.
- h) **OSAC Report from March 7th – Michelle: OSAC March 7, 2024:** Van Bibber Greenway, connecting west end of VB Park to Fairmont Trail: equestrian community pleased that side-by-side trails and road/creek crossings are being considered. Wheatridge Reverter Exchange. Town Center Park, Release the OS reverter on that parcel and place it on 1.62 acres adjacent to Stevens Elementary School.
- i) **Web and Social Media Report – Michelle:** Completed integration of Constant Contact with LGL to update member records with a "no e-mail" label if they unsubscribe.
- j) **President's Report Synopsis – Michelle:** Lookout Mountain Road will be gated on the Golden side and no cars or bikes will be permitted after the gates close. Jefferson County Parks and Conservation is looking for year-round permanent slash disposal sites. Army Corps of Engineers is expected to finish their study of Bear Creek Reservoir Expansion and submit proposals by end of 2024. Gross Dam road is impassable due to rock blasting in both directions. No estimated schedule for re-opening.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

10. OSAC Meeting Observers: next in-office meeting May 2nd, ~ 6:00 PM (general calendar at <https://www.jeffco.us/Calendar.aspx> )

11. NEXT PJ BOARD MEETING: April 18th, 6:30 PM, Zoom  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83038332071?pwd=xvcuTgP66Xu1xspz2GL5ED4Edkc87h.1>

12. ADJOURN: 8:15 PM

Courtney App, Secretary *ProTem*