



## Final Minutes

TOWN OF LYONS

**Monday Aug 8th 2022 6pm-8pm**

Parks and Recreation Commission

HYBRID: Library

And

Join Zoom Meeting (likely)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87276488232>

**Passcode: 303823**

Or call in!

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Meeting ID: 872 7648 8232

**Attendance:** Yelena Hughes, Dave Cosgrove, Glen Delman, Tom Delker, Sandra Haber, Julia Herz, Mark Browning

**Approval of Minutes** - unanimous approval for July Minutes.

**Audience Business** - Limited to 15 minutes - All comments will be limited to 4 minutes per person

1. Presentation from BOCO Parks and Open Space Staff

[Corona Hill Assessment Report](#)

**A Re-evaluation of Significant Resources and Trail Feasibility across Corona Hill on Hall Ranch Open Space:**

**Ernst Streng from BOCO POS:**

The county has been looking for connection to Hall Ranch open space from Lyons for some time, since the '90's. A trail feasibility study was done. Corona Hill was taken off the table due to endangered golden eagles, and plants. The reassessment is complete, based on a conceptual trail on south side of Corona Hill, with ¼ mile buffer for the eagles. They looked at existing plant and wildlife, and also added a look at doing a trail across Corona Hill.

Colorado State Univ. has mapped Wildlife Designations at the area, and there are critical area involved here. Wildlife use - a half-mile buffer is used by Parks and Open Space, partially because of level of development in the area. There are also Peregrine falcon nests in the area, prairie dogs, bat species, big horn sheep, and



black bears. In plants, the Colorado Natural Heritage program has analyzed and mapped what species are growing in areas that are accessible.

Trail sustainability - trail grade vs. Cross slope BCPOS:  $\frac{1}{3}$  rule (5.3% trail grade) There is a formula for IMBA, and NPS. Trail supervisor worked with GIS team to figure out what alignment could be sustainable.

Their trail map ends up looking different than PRC suggested - it switch backs to fit the grade requirements, 11 switchback to get up hill.

County POS deemed the obstacles on wildlife and standards for trails, as well as ranger enforcement issues, make this attempt to build a trail on Corona Hill not workable.

The existing road/trail is not built to standards, and goes much too close to the Golden Eagle nest area. That road next to Hatrock is not ever used by Boulder County Open Space.

We can still get a walk through with BOCO POS to help us understand.

BOCO POS will continue to work to find a trail solution. If there are ways to work it, we will continue to look for them.

Next week, a citizen group will present new ideas and options.

## 2. Updates

### a. Staff liaison - Dave Cosgrove, Parks and Public Works Director

LEAF may be moving into the old Town Shop (leasing from Town) just east of the Town Hall - the Sheriff is moving to the Depot building. This will be over the next year or so.

Also, the Visitor's Center may be growing into a cultural and arts facility. This may take a vote of the people, due to size and the rules on Parks use.

GoCo projects (Black Bear Hole ) are gaining momentum, will hopefully done in a couple of weeks. Will not be done by Aug 14th, and town will fine contractors each day it is not complete. This money will go to Parks. Winding down summer season and we will be losing our seasonal staff, as young people go back to school.

-EAB request for comments on SRCP document

**Tabled until September Meeting**

-Comp Plan

-Project Updates

Ped Bridge in Confluence - cleared on caisson, hope to set bridge soon, then a lag for pouring concrete landings.



**b. BoT Liaison- Trustee Glen Delman -**

Corona Hill - Mayor Rogin and Victoria are open to other options for connecting to Hall Ranch. Going through South St. Vrain, crossing highway, and then walking back to trailhead road is a long route.

Julia - Glen as our Liason to the Board of Trustees can find us more clarity on how to move forward on Corona Hill or other options along WITH the BOT. For instance, the site visit we are requesting should include BOT members or representation.

**PRC Chair/ Vice Chair - Yelena Hughes Tom Delker**

**4. New Business/ Events -**

PRC Events:

Debrief:

Dark Sky Event- Aug 5th

Cloudy, but successful!

Julia: 60 people all together, and 7 campers. Work went into this for permitting, communication with town, LCF funds, and so on. The park was very enjoyable even with the clouds. Awareness about dark skies is growing within our community. The music was wonderful.

We have something that can grow here. Next year, Perseid is mid August (13th) at peak.

Goals for next year:

Possibly add more dark sky events. Costs - musicians cost, \$500-\$850 (LCF grant)

We could add one more, but we need to stay focused on the cause of Dark Skies. We will get the paperwork for a Dark Sky PARK, not whole town, and get familiar with what it would require to be certified. Either LaVern Johnson or Bohn...LaVern may be easier, but Bohn is better for sky viewing.

Dave - UEB, SFC, other boards and commissions should be working with us on this. Town insurance carrier, other staff. LaVern park has year round camping, and 24 hour activity, so it's harder. Sheriff and Fire also need to have input on light availability.

Earlier start time? Projection of images during cloudy times? Later in fall - clearer skies and less weather?



## 5. Old Business-

CEMEX:

The Board of Trustees wanted to advise the boards and commissions that the CEMEX Referral Response was submitted on time to Boulder County.

All information is posted on the Town's website. Thank you for your input. There will be a public input opportunity for the August 17 Boulder County Planning Commission Meeting. Details are below.

### **CEMEX Referral Response**

The Board of Trustees held a public meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 to receive community input and public comment in order to form [a response on behalf of the Town of Lyons](#) to the Boulder County Planning Commission regarding CEMEX's request for a 15 year mining extension. The Town of Lyons' [response](#) is posted on the Town's website. The referral was due to Boulder County before their July 22, 2022 deadline.

In addition, the Boulder County Planning Commission is hosting a public meeting beginning at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, August 17th, 2022 regarding their review and recommendation to the Boulder County Commissioners. The CEMEX item is number 5.4 on the agenda and they will be taking [public input](#). Due to COVID-19, Planning Commission hearings are currently being held virtually. Information regarding how to participate will be available on the Planning Commission webpage approximately one week prior to the hearing at <https://boco.org/PC>. To join the meeting by phone, dial 1-833-568-8864 (toll free) and enter the Webinar ID: 161 909 1544

<https://www.townoflyons.com/CivicSend/ViewMessage/Message/177990>

6. Adjournment – 7:46 PM

Next meeting is: September 12th 6:00 PM

