

**2006**  
**CLEAR CREEK COUNTY OPEN SPACE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

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**January 11, 2006**

The Open Space Commission met on January 11, 2006 at the at the Idaho Springs City Hall for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Roy Beaton, Hal Wahlborg, Pete Helseth, Fran Enright, Sue Howell, and Frank Young. Absent from the meeting were Sarah Donahue, Matt Sailor, Suzanna Gould, Marion Anderson, and Candy Decker.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Fran Enright made the motion to approve the minutes from December 14, 2005. Pete Helseth seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Officer/Staff Reports:** Frank Young reported that the cabin on Saxon Mountain burned down over the New Year's weekend. This cabin had been used for 20 years by the BLM. It was built around 1903/1904. The Open Space Commission needed to decide if they wanted to do something there in the future.

**New Business:**

**Open Space Commission Workshop on 1/07/06:** Fran Enright reported that since the Open Space Commission Specialist Tim Mauck had resigned, this position needed to be replaced. At the workshop, the Open Space Commission discussed this and set goals for the next two years. The commission had decided to hire a full time position instead of a part time position. Fran Enright asked that the commission finalize the job description and take their recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. Fran Enright motioned to hire a full time employee as the Open Space Commission Coordinator. Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The commission agreed to advertise the position on January 18<sup>th</sup> and January 25<sup>th</sup> in local papers, interview applicants the following week and hopefully hire someone shortly thereafter. Roy Beaton made the motion to approve a Selection Committee to interview, select and collaborate with the County to hire a full time coordinator. Hal Wahlborg seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Selection Committee would be comprised of Fran Enright, Frank Young, and Sue Howell. Whichever commissioners attended the interview should coordinate their interview questions ahead of time with the Selection Committee.

**Old Business:**

**Beaver Brook Watershed:** Frank Young reported that he would be working with Road & Bridge on the coming Friday to remove the culverts from the watershed. Additionally, the parking signs had arrived for the Beaver Brook Canyon Road below the Pat Creek access. Frank Young also reported that he was working with Historic Georgetown Inc., on storage of Open Space Commission supplies.

Fran Enright entered into the record the completed Bird Survey work which was performed by the Evergreen Audubon group. There were 201 observer hours, 62 species and the survey would be completed again the following summer.

**Beaver Brook Watershed Volunteers:** The Friends of the Beaver Brook Watershed would organize the volunteer plan and bring it to the Open Space Commission. They were aligning themselves with the Sierra Club and the volunteer ranger program. They discussed green shirts with an Open Space Commission patch.

**Beaver Brook Watershed Management Plan:** A public meeting was held in December and the committee was still accepting public comment. The Planning Team would be meeting on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

**Beaver Brook Watershed** Special Use Permit Application: Frank Young reported that he had sent an application to the people who wanted firewood from the watershed. A condition of the permit would be to scatter slash.

Chase Subdivision: Frank Young met with the City of Golden surveyors and asked them for a proposal to relocate and mark the original corners of the subdivision. A response from the surveyors should be received by the end of the month. Recommendations must be reviewed by GOCO, MALT, and Clear Creek County.

Beaver Brook Watershed webpage: Frank Young reported that this process was underway and the new employee would continue developing this page to keep the public updated.

**GOCO Greenway Grant:** Fran Enright stated that the commission would make a presentation to the County Planning Commission on January 18<sup>th</sup> and then later to the Board of County Commissioners.

Hugh Osborne recommended that the Open Space Commission have 5000 copies of the Greenway brochure printed. These could be used for marketing and grant writing. Fran Enright would seek funding from Clear Creek Economic Development Corporation and the Chamber & Tourism Bureau.

**Georgetown Property:** Frank Young reported that he was working with Georgetown Administrator Chuck Stearns on this project and informed him of the Open Space Commission match. He would ask former employee Tim Mauck to assist Mr. Stearns with the GOCO grant application.

**Purchase of Mining Claims:** Frank Young reported that he was in the process of doing the Environmental Assessment on these claims and would take results to County Attorney Robert Loeffler.

**Lawson Property:** Frank Young stated that Clear Creek Economic Development Corporation and Clear Creek County made an offer to purchase this property from the owner and they were denied. He was waiting on the County to decide the next direction.

**Property Southeast of Idaho Springs:** Sue Howell would continue to work on this property.

**Noxious Weeds:** There would be a continued discussion on clematis at the Clear Creek Ranger District on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**County Lands behind Kermitts:** Frank Young would be attending a site visit behind Kermitts with County Lands to see the area the Sheriff's office was proposing for a shooting range. Fran Enright added that the Open Space Commission needed to see what other lands that County Lands Department still had available. Frank Young pointed out that many commissioners were overloaded on tasks and in order to complete this task with County Lands, other volunteers would have to be found.

**Elmgreen Meadow property:** Roy Beaton would follow up on this process.

**Correspondence:** The following correspondence was reviewed by the commission: brochure on wildlife overpass at Vail Pass; request from the Planning Department on a Special Use Permit for the Rite of Passage case; Forest Service letter on the Berthoud Pass Continental Divide Trail relocation project; a presentation by the American Discovery Trail at the Historic District Public Lands Commission meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>. This trail would travel from California to Maryland, over Argentine Pass to Saxon Mountain to Hwy 103 to Evergreen.

**Bills:** The following bills were presented for payment:

- Reimbursement to Sue Howell for Beaver Brook Watershed open house for \$8.50
- Reimbursement to HDDG for Beaver Brook Watershed open house for \$74.53

- Payment to HDDG for workshop facilitation for \$175
- Payment of office phone bill (October-December) for \$107.91
- Payment of THK & Associates for Greenway Plan for \$1125
- Payment of THK & Associates for Greenway Plan for \$1837

The commission discussed reviewing the HDDG contract to see what the commission was to pay for and what was in the HDDG contract. Sue Howell made the motion to approve the bills as presented for payment. Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Frank Young, Chairman

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Candy Decker, Secretary

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**CLEAR CREEK COUNTY OPEN SPACE COMMISSION  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES FOR  
FEBRUARY 8, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. Roy Beaton agreed to act as temporary secretary of the meeting.

Those present: Hal Wahlborg, Sue Howell, Pete Helseth, Frank Young, and Roy Beaton. Sarah Donahue arrived at 8:20 p.m. because of her attendance at a BOCC meeting in Georgetown. Excused Absences: Marion Anderson, Suzanna Gould, Fran Enright and Candy Decker.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Frank Young indicated that the minutes of the January meeting would be held and presented for approval at the March meeting.

**Unscheduled Appearances:**

Rick Gaubatz appeared as a representative of the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Department. Rick Gaubatz spoke to the Commission about the impact of wildfire on OSC lands. Rick Gaubatz indicated that under state statutes, county sheriffs are responsible for wildfire control. The cost of wildfire suppression is normally \$3,000.00 per acre, some or all of which are usually passed along to the owner of the property where the fire started. Rick Gaubatz indicated that those liable for wildfire suppression expenses can include governments, citing as an example the Fountain Gulch fire of approximately two years ago, where the total cost of wildfire suppression may have exceeded \$1,200,000.00 which was shared by local, state, and federal governments. Rick Gaubatz indicated that the Sheriff's Department was seeking funding to buy new fire fighting equipment, such as emergency fire shelters (which cost \$285.00 each). During the discussion that followed, Frank Young suggested a contribution of \$1.00 per Open Space acre, for a total of \$4,000.00 (since OSC manages approximately 4,000 acres), particularly if OSC could obtain trail work from the Sheriff's volunteer wildfire crew. While Rick Gaubatz indicated that a \$4,000.00 contribution would not reduce OSC financial liability (if any) in the case of a wildfire, he encouraged the Commission to view the contribution as "insurance". Sue Howell agreed that OSC needs to be involved with wildfire mitigation and suppression, but felt that with the imminent hiring of a full time employee, OSC was already close to its maximum management budget. The Commission discussed the possibility of obtaining a grant for wildfire suppression, and acknowledged that this matter should be expedited, inasmuch as the wildfire season could start at any time. Rick Gaubatz indicated that the Sheriff's volunteer crew of 40 to 50 people could help with prescribed burns, wildfire mitigation work, trail work, and wildfire suppression planning. Rick Gaubatz agreed to provide the Commission with a written proposal that the full Commission could consider. After Rick Gaubatz left, an additional discussion ensued concerning OSC's potential liability in the event of a wildfire, wherein it was noted that since OSC does not possess actual title to open space lands, and since OSC has certain statutorily imposed spending limits for management purposes, OSC's liability, if any,

might be limited. The matter was then tabled for further review.

**Beaver Brook Watershed:**

Frank Young provided an update on the Beaver Brook Watershed management plan. Meetings of interested parties have been conducted approximately every two weeks, with OSC continuing to be involved in the planning process. Pete Helseth indicated that he has obtained some carsonite signs that he plans to install in BBW locations. Pete Helseth further indicated that the signs could be removed if the information therein contained conflicts with the final management plan.

**Open Space Commission Webpage:**

Frank Young deferred any discussion about OSC's web page until a later date.

**Special Use Permit:**

Frank Young indicated that with the Commission's approval of the permit process, OSC's special use policy is in place, subject to OSC's continuing oversight and review.

**GOCO Greenway Project:**

Frank Young indicated that OSC has received a final payment of \$24,000.00 of a \$60,000.00 GOCO Greenway planning grant. In addition, SOLVE has pledged \$500.00 toward the Greenway planning process.

**Georgetown Property:**

As to the Georgetown property known as Block 83 (which OSC and the town of Georgetown are considering making a part of the Greenway), Frank Young indicated that the following have already transpired: (1) the property has been valued at approximately \$190,000.00; (2) Georgetown has currently pledged \$10,000.00 toward its acquisition; (3) OSC has conditionally approved \$38,000.00 in matching funds; and (4) Georgetown has agreed to apply for a GOCO grant for the remainder of the acquisition costs. Frank Young indicated that recently, Georgetown has been advised by GOCO to apply for a grant under its local government land acquisition program, since apparently there is significantly less competition for such grants. Frank Young noted that the disadvantage to applying under this program is that rather than having to provide a 25% match to GOCO funds, Georgetown and OSC would have to come up with 30% in matching funds. After a full discussion, wherein it was noted that OSC's portion of the increase in matching funds might total \$7,500.00, and upon a motion made by Sue Howell and duly seconded by Hal Wahlborg, the Commission conducted a first vote unanimously approving the expenditure of up to an additional \$7,500.00 in matching funds to acquire the Block 83 property. Frank Young indicated that a second vote seeking approval of the motion would be conducted if and when Georgetown obtains approval from GOCO of its grant application.

**Whitewater Project:**

Frank Young indicated that the Lawson white water project is temporarily on hold. CDOT has approved a \$320,000.00 enhancement grant, with \$100,000.00 being earmarked for a bike/pedestrian lane on the nearby bridge project, and the remaining \$220,000.00 to be used for OSC's white water project. Pete Helseth agreed to write a GOCO parks and recreation local government grant application for \$45,000.00 (application deadline: March 3, 2006) for the construction of restroom facilities on the white water property.

**Property South of Idaho Springs:**

As to the Maggie and Morning Star properties located south of Idaho Springs, Sue Howell agreed to locate and walk the properties this spring, and to investigate their potential usefulness in connecting to the BBW or other OSC lands. Each parcel is a mining claim of approximately 5 acres surrounded by forest service land. There is no asking price for either parcel at this time.

**Earth Day:**

In Fran Enright's absence, she was volunteered to work with Sue Howell in coordinating OSC's Earth Day participation at the Evergreen Lake House this spring. The main thrust of OSC's presentation would be to showcase the Greenway plan. Commission members are encouraged to volunteer their time in preparing for and manning the OSC booth.

**Open Space Coordinator Position:**

As to the OSC full time coordinator position, Frank Young, Sue Howell and Fran Enright have received and reviewed approximately 35 applications. They have winnowed those down to approximately 6 people whom they have invited for interviews. To date, 4 interviews have been conducted, and reference checks are being performed. Among the strengths sought in the applicants were experience with office administration, grant writing and administration, and a strong background in natural resource management. Frank Young indicated that they hope to make a decision by the week of February 13th, whereupon they will email the full Commission the name and resume of their selection and seek an online vote approving their recommendation. Frank Young and Sue Howell indicated that while the short term priority for the coordinator position ought to be organizing the OSC office and providing support for the Commission, the long term goal is to have the employee act in a director capacity.

**Ballot Issue:**

A discussion ensued regarding the need for bringing a ballot issue before the County voters concerning the following matters: (1) seeking voter approval for an increase in the percentage that OSC is allowed to spend each year on management matters; and (2) seeking voter approval of an increase in the mil levy (perhaps by 1/4 of a mil) which OSC receives from property taxes, and which, if approved, might result in an increase in annual OSC revenue of between \$40,000.00 and \$45,000.00. Sarah Donahue and Roy Beaton agreed to research the ballot issue process and language. Frank Young indicated that placing the issue on the ballot might require obtaining BOCC consent by sometime this summer.

A break was taken at 9:05 p.m., and the meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

**Executive Session:**

Upon a motion made by Sue Howell and duly seconded by Hal Wahlborg, the Commission unanimously agreed to go into executive session at 9:18 p.m. to discuss OSC’s ongoing attempts to acquire certain property as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). The Commission emerged from executive session at 9:45 p.m.

**Bills:**

The Commission then reviewed recently received mail and considered the following bills:

1. Landmark/Evergreen Newspaper bill for \$122.00 (representing advertising for the coordinator position and the Planning Commission meeting regarding the Greenway plan);
2. Mountain States Historical bill for \$2,400.00 (for the archeological study performed by Eric Twitty on the Arastra property);
3. A reimbursement request from Sue Howell for \$7.50 (for coffee provided at the BBW open house);
4. HDDP reimbursement request for \$74.50 (for supplies provided at the BBW meeting conducted at the high school); and
5. Clear Creek Courant bill for \$26.22 (for the public announcement regarding certification of the Greenway plan).

Upon a motion made by Sue and duly seconded by Sarah, payment of the foregoing bills was unanimously approved.

Frank then noted that there being no further business to be brought before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Frank Young, Chairman

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Hal Wahlborg, Secretary

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## OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**March 8, 2006**

The Open Space Commission met on March 8, 2006 at the Idaho Springs City Hall for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Frank Young, Sue Howell, Pete Helseth, Matt Sailor, and Fran Enright. Absent from the meeting were Marion Anderson, Sarah Donahue, Suzanna Gould, Hal Wahlborg, Candy Decker, and Roy Beaton.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

### **Approval of February 8, 2006 minutes:**

Sue Howell made the motion to approve the February 8, 2006 minutes. Pete Helseth seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The January 2006 minutes would be presented at the April meeting.

### **Executive Session:**

Fran Enright motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate issues as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Matt Sailor seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Open Space Commission adjourned into Executive Session and no written minutes would be kept of this hearing.

The Commission exited Executive Session to continue the rest of the meeting.

### **Ballot Issue:**

Frank Young stated that the ballot issue proposal was for one of two options: 1) to ask the voters the change the percentage of allowable spending of Open Space Commission funds or, 2) to increase the Open Space Commission mill levy. Frank Young stated that there was an initiative that allowed county's to increase sales tax one -percent for open space uses. This initiative would authorize counties to impose this tax for open space. Pete Helseth stated that the cost for pushing a local initiative would be around \$4000-6000. The commission would continue this discussion.

### **Hwy 6 Property:**

Frank Young reported that he wanted the Open Space Commission to pursue the rest of the property along Hwy 6. He wanted to start the drive for these parcels again. The next step was to work with County Lands Director Lisa Vogel and the Frei Quarry. This would be discussed at next month's meeting.

### **Friends of Beaver Brook Watershed:**

Regarding noxious weeds, Fran Enright reported that the Friends had applied for a grant through the State Department of Agriculture to help in controlling weeds on the watershed property. The next step was to develop a weed management plan for the watershed. Ginny Ades, with the Evergreen Audubon, was working with Dan Lincoln on this grant. The \$5000, if awarded, would be for setting up a database, and eradication equipment for volunteers. The weeds noted in the watershed were toadflax and leafy spurge.

Matt Sailor reported that Amy Norton was working on the volunteer ranger program. The Friends were hoping to firm this program up this year. The Friends wanted to eventually hand this program over to the Open Space Commission Coordinator. Amy Norton was recruiting volunteers for this ranger program. She was considering two training weekends with Lou Lambert who had much experience with the Forest Service.

Frank Young stated that the Open Space Commission should consider a noise ordinance clause for the Beaver Brook Watershed special use permit application.

### **Beaver Brook Watershed Planning Meeting:**

Frank Young had discussed with Kit Darrow the possibility of a paid position of the Beaver Brook Watershed this season. It was a good idea for high use days to have someone onsite with training and authority. The question was cost. Fran Enright stated she wasn't sure if the commission couldn't afford it. Matt Sailor suggested Evergreen Security as a possibility as they had training, authority, and they had their own insurance. Jefferson County used them for Evergreen Lake. Matt Sailor agreed to inquire about their costs and obtain references.

Frank Young suggested that a second idea was to hire a part time coordinator for the Open Space Commission and a part time ranger for the Beaver Brook Watershed. Fran Enright suggested talking to the Clear Creek Sheriff about assistance. Matt Sailor added that the Division of Wildlife could be of assistance.

**Firewood Permits:**

Frank Young reported that the first permit for firewood was successful. He had an inquiry from Road & Bridge and explained the program to them. There were five more trees that needed to come down. Frank Young asked the commission to approve a second firewood permit for Tom Danio for one month for \$15/cord. Frank Young motioned to approve this permit. Pete Helseth seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Special Use Permits:**

Frank Young reported that the University of New Mexico still wanted a GPS station for earthquake monitoring on an open space property in North Empire. It was a very small, non-intrusive station. Frank Young suggested the use of the special use permit process as County Attorney Robert Loeffler supported this idea. The commission agreed. Sue Howell asked that the Open Space Commission receive a copy of the final report.

**Greenway project:**

Fran Enright reported that the Open Space Commission had presented the Greenway Plan to the Planning Commission and the Dumont-Lawson-Downieville residents showed up angry. They wanted clauses added to the resolution that she did not think County Attorney Robert Loeffler would approve. She asked that the Open Space Commission discuss presentations of the Greenway Plan to the municipalities at the next commission meeting.

**Earth Day:**

Fran Enright reported that the Open Space Commission had a booth next to MALT. Matt Sailor, Sue Howell and Frank Young stated they would work the booth. Frank Young stated that the Natural Resource Defense Council had free hand-out packets for Earth Day.

**Whitewater Park:**

Pete Helseth reported that he had submitted the GOCO grant application for the \$45,000 for restrooms at the Whitewater Park. All the dollars for this application were outside of the CDOT right of way. Letters of support were submitted. He suggested a grant writer on a part time basis.

Regarding the Padilla property, Frank Young reported that the County gave up trying to work with Padilla and made an offer to his neighbor, the Marquardts. The Marquardts accepted. The proposal was to leave one changing station on the south side of the creek and move the second station to the Markquardt property on the north side of the creek. Keeping one station on the south side of the creek kept the area cleaner with all the ATV and jeep users of the Silver Creek Road.

**Georgetown Property:**

Georgetown submitted their GOCO grant application last Friday. The Open Space Commission was into this grant for about \$40,000.

Denver Mountain Parks also submitted a planning grant to GOCO last Friday. Frank Young sent A.J. Addison a letter of support and emphasized cooperation, partnerships and the need for trail linkages.

**Executive Session:**

Fran Enright motioned to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(f). Matt Sailor seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The commission adjourned into Executive Session and no written minutes would be kept of this session.

**Open Space Commission Storage Space:**

Frank Young reported that the Open Space Commission could obtain storage space at an Historic Georgetown Inc. property, the Centennial Mill, for 200 square feet of space for \$50/month to begin in April. The site was locked and two other groups were using it as storage space as well. Sue Howell made the motion to approve the storage space at the size and rent mentioned. Fran Enright seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Ted Swem:**

Fran Enright reported that the Open Space Commission received donations in Mr. Swem’s name from the Evergreen Audubon Society. She did not know the amount but the donor wanted the funding appropriate to a particular project. Fran Enright would work with the Swem family to arrive at a project idea.

**Bills:**

The following bills were presented for approval:

- The office phone bill for January-March 2006 at \$107.91
- THK & Associates for presentation of Greenway plan to Planning Commission at \$610.45
- Barco for the interpretive signs/boards at \$3155.00
- The Clear Creek Courant bill for notice of Greenway hearing at \$24.91
- A reimbursement to Pete Helseth for printing costs at \$90.59

Fran Enright motioned to approve the bills as presented. Matt Sailor seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Correspondence:**

Frank Young reported that the following correspondence was received: roadless area information, endangered species information, Southern Rockies Ecosystem Project, upcoming conferences, MALT baseline study of the Beaver Brook Watershed, compiled mapping data from the Colorado State Trails program, and the Forest Service decision on the Berthoud Pass/Crimson trailhead plan.

**Slacker Races Event Approval:**

Beth Luther stated that she needed approval from the Open Space Commission on the event and its race course before the Board of County Commissioners would approve the event. Pete Helseth made the motion to approve the Slacker Races. Fran Enright seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Frank Young, Chairman

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Candy Decker, Secretary

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**OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**April 12, 2006**

The Open Space Commission met on April 12, 2006 at the Board of County Commissioner’s hearing room in Georgetown for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Martha Tableman, Fran Enright, Matt Sailor, Sue Howell, Frank Young, Hal Wahlborg, Roy Beaton, and Pete Helseth. Absent from the meeting were Sarah Donahue, Suzanna Gould, and Candy Decker. The commission had recently received word that Marion Anderson had resigned from the group.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Tim Mauck attended the meeting briefly.

**Approval of Minutes:** Regarding the January 2006 meeting minutes, Hal Wahlborg made the motion to approve the minutes. Fran Enright seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Regarding the March 2006 meeting minutes, Fran Enright motioned to approve the minutes with some typographical corrections. Matt Sailor seconded. The motion passed 5-1 with Roy Beaton abstaining since he was absent from that meeting.

**Officer Reports:** Frank Young introduced Martha Tableman as the newly hired Open Space Commission Coordinator for Clear Creek County.

Frank Young mentioned that three members' terms expired recently: Marion Anderson, Frank Young and Pete Helseth. Marion Anderson resigned, Pete Helseth submitted a request for reappointment and Frank Young would submit a request as well. Roy Beaton suggested a thank you gift for Marion Anderson as she was one of the founding members of the Open Space Commission. The commission discussed two interested people that may want to fill the vacancy on the board. The commission also discussed asking the less active members to resign to allow for more proactive members. The Open Space Commission agreed to run a legal notice in both newspapers to solicit potential members. Given Marion Anderson's resignation and that she was Treasurer of the commission, by acclamation, Matt Sailor would be the new Open Space Commission Treasurer. Sue Howell and Roy Beaton would work on a thank you gift for Marion Anderson and a Letter of Appreciation for the members to sign.

**Beaver Brook Watershed:**

**Xcel Planning Meeting:** Fran Enright reported that Xcel Energy had an easement across the watershed but it was only for natural gas lines and not electricity. She asked that Roy Beaton review the files on this topic as she believed there were some missing documents.

**Wilderness Stewardship:** Sue Howell reported that a training was occurring at Lost Creek and Mount Evans Wilderness areas. The cost was \$25 and trainees had to sign up for at least three days of stewardship on a master calendar. The training was useful in handling disobedient users of the wilderness. Sue Howell also suggested an idea used in other areas which requires people entering the wilderness areas to fill out a tag stating they have read and understood the rules of the area.

**Recreational Uses in the Beaver Brook Watershed Plan:** Frank Young reported that the planning group had discussed recreational uses that did not degrade the natural uses of the area. They had considered primitive hunting only for the County owned portion of the watershed, e.g., muzzle loading and archery. This would have to be approved by GOCO and Division of Wildlife.

**Regulation Enforcement:** The Beaver Brook Watershed draft plan recommended law enforcement authority. The group needed to consider either hiring a ranger, working with the Sheriff deputies, or hiring contract law enforcement like Evergreen Security. The proposal from Evergreen Security totaled \$14,000 for May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. This included two random patrols per day, and Saturday/Sunday nights. They did access the property via a truck. Sue Howell had concerns on the limitation of the Open Space Commission funding to appropriate for security. Matt Sailor, Roy Beaton, and Fran Enright would work on the security enforcement for the watershed and bring a proposal to the next meeting.

**Swem Fund:** Fran Enright reported that following Ted Swem's passing, a memorial fund was created by the Evergreen Audubon group. She had met with Mrs. Swem and discussed a memorial bench in the Beaver Brook Watershed in Ted's honor. The group agreed that they wanted minimalist items in the watershed and the bench should be in this keeping. Roy Beaton motioned to endorse and strategically install benches in honor of Ted Swem in the Beaver Brook Watershed. Pete Helseth seconded. Fran Enright agreed to continue working with the Evergreen Audubon group on this project. The motion passed unanimously.

**Chase Subdivision:** TST Surveying Co., in Denver, submitted an estimate to survey the Chase Subdivision to reestablish the original lot lines and look at additional land. This was a different view from the one the City of Golden had done. Frank Young proposed passing the costs onto the homeowners and showing each owner their fair share of resolving these conflicting lot lines.

**Noxious Weeds:** Fran Enright reported that the Open Space Commission was awarded \$5000 in noxious weed eradication in the watershed. The funding would be used for mapping and development of an Adopt-A-Weed program. She suggested sending flowers to Ginny Ades to thank her for writing the grant.

**GOCO Greenway:** Fran Enright reported that someone needed to finish the Greenway presentations to the municipalities and gain their acceptance of the plan. Sue Howell agreed to do Idaho Springs; Hal Wahlborg would do Georgetown; and Frank Young would do Silver Plume. Sue Howell would write a script for the presenters. A volunteer was needed to present in Empire.

**Georgetown Property:** Frank Young reported that Georgetown submitted a GOCO grant application for this property and Open Space Commission provided a portion of the match. They would know in June of 2006 if they were awarded.

**Executive Session:** Pete Helseth motioned to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss real estate

acquisitions in Georgetown, Idaho Springs, and east of Idaho Springs as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Minutes of this session would be kept separate.

**Elmgreen Trail Management Plan:** Frank Young stated that this grant needed to be closed out and to have the trail plan in place.

**Floyd Hill Crossing Project:** Frank Young stated that the Open Space Commission had received a referral letter from the County Planning Department to comment on an application submitted by Floyd Hill Development LLC and James Lathrop. The request was to rezone and subdivide land into two parcels, 35 acres and 9 acres. This property was on the north side of I-70. The land was adjacent to the Open Space Commission land that needed access. This could be made as a part of a possible approval of the land use change. The Open Space Commission agreed on a site visit on April 20, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., meeting at the Floyd Hill exit. As a note, the Floyd Hill Development LLC was also the Ski Country Antiques group. They were proposing a drive-through liquor store and more antique warehouse storage. The Planning Commission hearing would be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the Board of County Commissioners hearing was scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>. Roy Beaton would write a letter to the County Planning Department requesting access to the Open Space Commission lands.

**Special Use Permits:** Frank Young reported that there were three permits in process: firewood in the watershed, the earthquake monitoring permit near Empire, and permit for the Denver Museum Spider Survey. Final reports were requested by the Open Space Commission from the earthquake and spider studies.

**Whitewater Park Grant:** Pete Helseth and Frank Young met with Road & Bridge, Chief Accountant Carl Small, Special Projects Division Director Lisa Vogel, and Community Development Project Director Bert Weaver regarding the joint projects in the Whitewater Park and Lawson Bridge area. There was \$465,000 received from a CDOT enhancement grant for the construction of the Whitewater Park and to add a bike/pedestrian lane to the new Lawson bridge. The GOCO grant portion was for restrooms at the Whitewater Park totaling \$45,000. There were There grants for three different projects in this area. Martha Tableman would work with Carl Small on the administration of these three grants. The actual construction would have to be put out to bid since some of the grants were federal dollars.

**Padilla Update:** Mr. Padilla had been digging in Clear Creek to divert the water away from the south side of the creek where the rafting companies used to launch. This could be an Army Corp of Engineers violation of a 404 permit. Frank Young did not think the Army Corp of Engineers would respond unless more than 30 cubic yards was disturbed.

**Earth Day Booth:** Fran Enright reported that she had arranged for a booth but she could not man it. They had visuals for the booth. Earth Day festivities would be held April 22, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sue Howell agreed to be at the booth in the afternoon and Matt Sailor would man the booth in the morning. Frank Young would be there all day. Roy Beaton would try to attend and help.

Roy Beaton left the meeting at this time.

#### **New Business:**

**Ballot Initiative:** Frank Young reported that there was a bill before the legislature to allow counties to charge an extra ½% in sales tax strictly to benefit open space. The Board of County Commissioners had supported this initiative. If this initiative passed the legislature, Frank Young asked the commission to support passing it in Clear Creek County and to do a second initiative in Clear Creek to re-appropriate the Open Space Commission budget ratios on management and acquisitions.

**Correspondence:** The following correspondence items were received: Evergreen Security proposal, eminent domain conference, pilot projects for the Forest Service on biofuels, the CDOT project list, the Field Press from the Colorado Natural Areas, open space tax information, and a travel & tourism symposium.

**Bills:** Frank Young reported that there was a request from the Slacker Races for a donation to the event. Sue Howell motioned to approve \$500 toward the Slacker Races. Matt Sailor seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Sign Order:** Frank Young reported that the signs were received for the open space lands but one was broken. It was returned and new sign was sent. The commission needed to schedule a day soon to install the signs.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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Frank Young, Chairman

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Candy Decker, Secretary

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## OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**April 14, 2006**

The Open Space Commission met on April 14, 2006 via an online vote for the following consideration. In attendance were Hal Wahlborg, Sue Howell, Fran Enright, Martha Tableman, Matt Sailor, Pete Helseth, and Suzanna Gould. Absent from the meeting were Sara Donahue, Frank Young, Roy Beaton, and Candy Decker.

### **Consideration of approval of third payment invoice for \$12,000 to the Hogan Darrow Design Partners for the Beaver Brook Planning Project:**

Ms. Tableman informed the group that the Hogan Darrow Design Partners had submitted their third payment invoice for \$12,000 for the Beaver Brook Planning Project. She requested approval of this payment. Hal Wahlborg made the motion to pay the bill. Sue Howell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Frank Young, Chairman

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Candy Decker, Secretary

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## OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**May 10, 2006**

The Open Space Commission met on May 10, 2006 at the Idaho Springs City Hall for their regularly scheduled meeting. In attendance were Matt Sailor, Martha Tableman, Sarah Donahue, Hal Wahlborg, Frank Young, Fran Enright, Candy Decker, Pete Helseth, Roy Beaton, and Matt Robie from Clear Creek Metro Rec District. Absent from the meeting were Suzanna Gould and Sue Howell.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Pete Helseth made the motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2006 with minor amendments. Matt Sailor seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Unscheduled Appearances:**

Matt Robie introduced himself as the new community relations and finance manager of the Clear Creek Metro Rec District. He had been with the district for about three months and he had a degree in Parks and Recreation. Frank Young informed Mr. Robie that they had many projects they could collaborate on between the Open Space Commission and Clear Creek Metro Rec District.

**Meeting Location:**

Martha Tableman informed the group that the Open Space Commission would need a new location for their monthly meeting as Idaho Springs needed the facility on the second Wednesdays. Frank Young reported that until a location was found, they could meet at the county courthouse.

**Old Business:****Beaver Brook Watershed:**

Frank Young reported that the steering committee had been working with the contractors to finalize the management plan. There would be a public meeting to present this management plan. Fran Enright suggested that the commission discuss this plan at the June meeting. The signs for the watershed were in the works and the commission agreed that the dogs on leash issue should be stressed.

**Beaver Brook Watershed Signs:**

Frank Young stated that three large signs had arrived for the watershed to be used as kiosks and some smaller signs, which needed to be installed. The group agreed that Division of Wildlife mountain lion and bear posters needed to be in the kiosks. The group agreed to try to install the signs on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

**Beaver Brook Watershed Weed Grant:**

Fran Enright reported that she had met with Ginny Ades on the weed grant and they had agreed to three weed workdays. May 23<sup>rd</sup> was scheduled to GPS the weed locations. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, they would recruit volunteers and cut and pull weeds. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, they would commence the restoration and revegetation project. The watershed would have areas where weeds could be pulled and some areas where they would have to be sprayed. The herbicides would have to be discussed with the Lookout Mountain Water District. The Open Space Commission was the grant administrator for this weed grant. Fran Enright and Martha Tableman would work on coordinating the weed effort. Lee Lambert would do the training on the GPS of the weeds. The training dates would be May 17<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Beaver Brook Watershed Volunteer Patrol:**

Martha Tableman reported that notice was sent out last Friday inviting people to sign up for training to be a volunteer ranger in the Beaver Brook Watershed. The commitment was two working days a month for the summer. The first training would be on May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>. The commission did want volunteers to sign a liability waiver.

**Beaver Brook Watershed – Swem Fund:**

Martha Tableman reported that she was working on tax exemptions for donations to the Swem Fund. She had researched memorial benches for the watershed in Ted Swem's name. The recycled benches lasted for 25 years and had a cost between \$425 and \$1100. Fran Enright would report this information to the Audubon Society for their feedback. Candy Decker suggested the 501-C3 group, Friends of Beaver Brook Watershed, issue the receipt for tax purposes to donors.

**Beaver Brook Watershed – Dogs on Leash:**

Frank Young reported that Jefferson County Open Space Commission was handing out leashes at the Earth Day Festival. Martha Tableman stated that these leashes could be purchased for 80 cents each and could be embroidered with the commission's name. The Beaver Brook Watershed volunteer rangers could hand them out in the watershed. Candy Decker motioned to fund up to \$240 for embroidered leashes to be handed out in the watershed. Fran Enright seconded. During discussion, Martha Tableman agreed to work with the Clear Creek Animal Shelter on cost sharing. The motion passed unanimously.

**Beaver Brook Watershed – Security Proposals:**

The group discussed the two proposals: Evergreen Security and the Clear Creek Sheriff's office. Frank Young and Martha Tableman would meet with the Sheriff to discuss costs and coverage. Fran Enright wanted the security in place by Memorial Day. She also requested that a formal request be sent to Lookout Mountain Water District asking if they wanted patrols in their area. Roy Beaton wanted security patrol in the Geneva Irons Fens as well.

**Beaver Brook Watershed – Chase Subdivision:**

Frank Young received a letter from the surveying company with a proposal to re-survey the Chase Subdivision. He did not want an open-ended contract but a hard numbered proposal. The results would be sent to GOCO.

**GOCO Greenway Plan:**

It was noted that the Clear Creek County Planning Commission approved this plan.

**Elmgreen Trail Management Plan:**

Martha Tableman stated that she would call to see if the final plan could still be submitted. She would follow up on what the costs were to the Open Space Commission. Fran Enright stated that if access was not needed to close the grant, then close the grant.

**Floyd Hill Crossing Proposal:**

Frank Young reported that this was a window of opportunity to obtain access across the Lathrop land. The Open Space Commission did send comment to the Planning Department on the need for access.

**Purchase of Mining Claims:**

Frank Young reported that a signed purchase contract was received from the seller. Sara Donahue would assist with this process. Frank Young requested a final vote for this purchase and then he would request approval from the Board of County Commissioners. Roy Beaton asked about the conservation easement. Frank Young would ask that HGI be the holder of this conservation easement. Frank Young noted that the Open Space Commission would be only a half interest in these lands. He would have to convince the Board of County Commissioners that an Environmental Assessment was not needed on some of these four parcels, as it was life threatening to access the parcels. Frank Young would also continue to try and buy the other ½ interest in these parcels.

**East Idaho Springs Parcels:**

Frank Young asked if Roy Beaton could assist Sue Howell with these east Idaho Springs mining claims. Roy Beaton agreed. Frank Young asked for research on if the sales offer was good and did the lands have Open Space Commission values. They were surrounded by Forest Service lands and very steep. They could be good trading stock in the future. Frank Young noted that the Forest Service records showed the parcels owned by the same person but the boundaries were different on the ground.

**North Spring Gulch Parcels:**

Frank Young reported that a landowner in North Spring Gulch wanted to donate two parcels to the Open Space Commission. There was indication of 1800's mining activity. Sara Donahue stated that the title insurance and deed needed to be researched.

**Beaver Brook Watershed – Special Use Permit:**

Frank Young reported that he modified the permit for the earthquake-monitoring project so they could get a permit. He stated that two items were needed for these permits: 1. Creation of authorization from the Board of County Commissioners to the Open Space Commission for properties other than the Beaver Brook Watershed; and 2. Design of what this permit should look like. Martha Tableman stated that she would send a draft to Roy Beaton for approval.

**Whitewater Park:**

Martha Tableman reported that she was trying to schedule a kick-off event with CDOT however, they would not hand over funding until July 1, 2006. As soon as there was a blessing from CDOT, the commission could do a RFP and start construction in September. She would know the results of the GOCO restroom grant by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Space Commission Member Vacancy:**

The commission agreed to reappoint Pete Helseth and Frank Young and fill the vacancy at a later date.

**Geneva Basin:**

Frank Young stated that the commission needed to plan a site visit in the summer to install signage, fell some trees, and put a lock on the gate. He proposed either July 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>.

**November Ballot Issues:**

Fran Enright reported that since the Governor had vetoed SB-52 for lame reasons, the commission needed to focus on their own ballot issue on readjusting their ratio of management to acquisition funding. Matt Sailor suggested two ballot issues: 1. Increase the mil levy; and 2. Readjust the ratio of management to acquisition. Hence, if the mil levy did not pass, there was still an opportunity to readjust the budget. Fran Enright stated that the Board of County Commissioners supported the budget adjustment and needed to be briefed on the increase in mil levy. Frank Young asked for a ballot issue subcommittee to work on this issue. The following members agreed to be on the subcommittee: Matt Sailor, Candy Decker, Sara Donahue, and Sue Howell. Frank Young reported that Trust for Public Lands would assist the commission on this issue.

**Correspondence:**

The following items were submitted to the Open Space Commission as correspondence: DRCOG update, CCI Legislative Update, USDA Arapahoe and Roosevelt National Forest & Pawnee Grasslands update, Several announcements of amendments to the Resource Management Plan, Henderson Mine – Notice to the Board of County Commissioners of intent to apply to the Colorado Mined Land and Reclamation Board of construction of an interceptor canal and the possibility of the National Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory, Invitation to the Community Resource Center 25 years, 25 legends, Countless Leaders Event, and Denver Botanic Gardens Applied Plan Conservation Class.

**Bills:**

Martha Tableman presented the following bills for approval:

- 6. \$107.91 for telephone bill
- 7. \$4.51 for Office Depot supplies

Sara Donahue motioned to approve the bills for payment. Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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Frank Young, Chairman

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Hal Wahlborg, Secretary

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**OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**May 18, 2006**

The Open Space Commission met on May 18, 2006 via an online vote for the following consideration. In attendance were Martha Tableman, Hal Wahlborg, Sue Howell, Pete Helseth, Fran Enright, Frank Young, Matt Sailor, and Candy Decker. Absent from the meeting were Sara Donahue, Roy Beaton, and Suzanna Gould.

**Consideration of approval of Special Use Permit for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science for the spider count in the Beaver Brook Watershed:** Martha Tableman presented a request for a special use permit from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science for the spider count in the Beaver Brook Watershed. Hal Wahlborg made the motion to approve the special use permit for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Pete Helseth seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Frank Young, Chairman

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Candy Decker, Secretary

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## OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2006

The Open Space Commission met on June 14, 2006 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District in Idaho Springs for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Roy Beaton, Martha Tableman, Fran Enright, Suzanna Gould, Candy Decker, Hal Wahlborg, Frank Young, Pete Helseth, Sue Howell, Matt Sailor, commission applicants Becky Cook and Jan Ziman, Clear Creek Metro Rec District representative Matt Robie, and Trout Unlimited representative Tim Mauck. Absent from the meeting was Sarah Donahue.

The meeting was called order at 7:07 p.m.

**Unscheduled Appearances:** Tim Mauck stated that the Denver Trout Unlimited group adopted Clear Creek and the Greenway as projects for which to raise funding. They would be interested in providing signage and writing grants for these projects. They were proposing a charity debate dinner between Gubernatorial candidates Ritter and Beauprez regarding sportsmen's issues. All proceeds would go to Clear Creek and the Greenway project. One possible partner in this fundraiser was the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. The dinner was planned for the first week in October most likely to be held at the Mile Hi Station. Ritter had agreed to the debate at the dinner and Trout Unlimited was waiting to hear from Beauprez.

**Approval of May 10, 2006 meeting minutes:** Pete Helseth made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Officer Reports:** Matt Sailor reported that the commission was on budget per this hearing.

### **Old Business:**

**Beaver Brook Watershed Draft Management Plan:** Frank Young reported that the management plan would be presented to the public at the Clear Creek High School on June 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. It would be a PowerPoint presentation with a question and answer session. They would divide the meeting into discussion groups, e.g., hunting, natural resources, etc. There were draft copies in all the libraries in the County and at the Evergreen Library. The Lookout Mountain Water District would attend this public hearing.

Martha Tableman was trying to finish the public notice of this hearing to run in both newspapers. She need info for the news release and asked for the members' help. Marilyn Hogan had replied that she would assist. The group agreed to work toward putting the plan on Cd-Rom for sale and on the website. Fran Enright asked everyone to please read the draft management plan prior to the public hearing.

**Beaver Brook Watershed – Forest Service purchase:** Frank Young reported that the funding appropriated for another purchase of a portion of the watershed by the Forest Service would not happen until fiscal year 2007. The GOCO loan was for \$5.5 million. The Forest Service had expressed interest to the federal budget committee that they wanted to purchase the remainder of the watershed.

**Beaver Brook Watershed – Volunteer Patrol:** Martha Tableman stated that letters were sent out, training was held and volunteers had been seen in the watershed. She still needed to order the complimentary dog leashes. Candy Decker and Fran Enright asked if the Open Space Commission members could have badges to wear for when they were in the field. Roy Beaton motioned to authorize funds for ID badges for the Open Space Commission to use at appropriate times. Candy Decker seconded. During discussion, the group agreed to have the commission name, the logo, and the members' names on the badges. The vote was unanimous. Roy Beaton suggested a one page summary of the regulations for the watershed for volunteers to hand out while they were on patrol.

**Beaver Brook Watershed – Security:** Frank Young stated that he and Martha Tableman had compared the proposals from the Evergreen Security Company and the Clear Creek County Sheriff's office for security patrols in the watershed. They had decided the Sheriff's patrol was the best

proposal at \$40/hour with the submitted schedule of patrols. The estimate for the time period requested was \$13-17,000 with a heavy presence in the watershed on weekends. The commission would not have to pay travel time, only time in the watershed. The commission would be billed once every two weeks. Roy Beaton did not want to pay these bills in advance. Frank Young suggested beginning the security payments via online vote of the commission. Frank Young did ask Lookout Mountain Water District for \$5000 toward this proposal. He was awaiting an answer. Martha Tableman agreed to email the schedule of patrols to all the members. This security patrol would be in place until the end of September. Matt Sailor made the motion to approve the Sheriff's security patrol of the watershed at \$40/hour for the watershed. Candy Decker seconded. Matt Sailor stated that the commission had \$144,000 in the contingency fund. The vote was unanimous. Roy Beaton suggested requesting to receive some of the citation revenue when tickets were written in the watershed.

**Beaver Brook Watershed - Saddleback Mountain Land Parcel:** Pete Helseth reported that a neighbor in the Saddleback area at the end of Santa Fe Mountain Road had asked the commission to consider the purchase of a property adjacent to her's. Pete Helseth completed a site visit and determined the neighbor just wanted to be surrounded by open space and the land really did not meet the criteria of acquisition by the commission. There was no trail linkage to any open space properties. Martha Tableman would respond to the neighbor denying the acquisition request.

**Beaver Brook Watershed - Weed Grant Activities:** Candy Decker reported that the weed work day was completed last Saturday and they had a great turnout with sixteen volunteers. They pulled a lot of thistle. She would work out the paperwork details with Ginny Ades on the weed grant.

**Beaver Brook Watershed - Chase Subdivision:** Frank Young received the cost estimate from the survey company to re-survey the Chase Subdivision. The cost estimate was \$9150-11,150. The survey company was unsure of the ease of finding all corners. The next step was to meet with the property owners and figure their share of the cost. The commission reflected that the landowners would pay the full survey fee as it was to their benefit. Fran Enright would talk to County Attorney Robert Loeffler and move forward on this project. Roy Beaton stated that GOCO had to approve this before the boundaries were adjusted.

**Beaver Brook Watershed - Chase Subdivision Well issue:** Frank Young updated the commission on the property owners who discovered their well was not on their property and needed an easement to access the well. If any cost was involved in conveying this easement, it would be passed onto the homeowner. Martha Tableman added that the property owner wanted 8-ft on each side of centerline of the well line as the easement and they had funding in escrow for this. Frank Young would work with County Attorney Robert Loeffler on this.

**Beaver Brook Watershed - Swem Memorial Bench:** Fran Enright reported that the Evergreen Audubon Society had enough funding for a bench in memory of Ted Swem. It was proposed to anchor the bench with concrete.

**Beaver Brook Watershed - Kiosk:** Fran Enright stated that the kiosk needed to be installed at the watershed. Pete Helseth stated that utilities needed to be located prior to digging to install the kiosk. Pete Helseth would work with the location company. Frank Young set the working day to install the kiosk as next Friday night at 6:00 p.m., June 23<sup>rd</sup>, meeting at Fran Enright's house.

**Executive Session:** Fran Enright motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Suzanna Gould seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Frank Young stated that separate written minutes would be made of this session.

**Special Use Permits:** Martha Tableman and Roy Beaton were working on these permits with County Attorney Robert Loeffler. They needed a resolution to issue permits for open space properties other than the Beaver Brook Watershed. This resolution would have to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

**Off-Highway-Vehicle Grant:** Frank Young reported that they had applied for the third time for one of these grants and were denied again. The grant application was to inventory the Forest Service lands north of I-70 and into Gilpin County. The survey inventory would have identified roads, hazards and vegetation. Most recipients of these grants were Forest Service districts. The commission should send a letter of thanks to the Forest Service for their assistance on this grant

application.

**Floyd Hill Crossing Proposal:** Frank Young stated that this land was north of I-70 on Floyd Hill. This property was a critical link to obtaining public access to the open space lands above it. Tract A was sold to the owner of Ski Country Antiques and Lot 1 was proposed for sale and development. The commission had submitted a comment on the needed access to the Planning Commission for their hearing. The applicant had agreed to the easement/trailhead and five parking spaces. Lathrop, the owner of Lot 1, had verbally agreed to access but nothing in writing and a location of the access to be determined. Mr. Lathrop's current condition was that any buyer of Lot 1 could void the easement.

**Whitewater Park Grants:** Martha Tableman reported that they would know the results of their grant application by June 20<sup>th</sup>. She was working with CDOT on the right of way issues. The commission wanted construction in the water this September and October. Pete Helseth reminded the commission that they needed to update the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association.

**New Open Space Commission members:** Frank Young stated that there were two applicants for the Open Space Commission, Jan Ziman and Becky Cook. He was considering the idea of expanding the size of the commission to allow both of them to join. The quorum votes would still be an odd number of 9 and the associate members would be increased to three instead of two. Sue Howell would research the bylaws and possibly initiate a revision of them to allow the increase in number of members. Suzanna Gould stated that she was considering resigning given her new full time job and children.

**Geneva Basin Field Trip:** Frank Young stated that the date set for this field trip was the weekend of July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> with a possible overnight camp. The commission needed to put up signs, lock the gate, and take down some trees.

**Ballot Initiative:** Matt Sailor stated that the ballot subcommittee agreed on two separate issues on the ballot: 1. To increase the mil levy for Open Space Commission and 2. To change the spending ratio on acquisitions to management. Fran Enright asked the subcommittee to work with TPL on the ballot language.

**New Business:**

**Democrats Gathering:** Becky Cook reported that the Clear Creek Democrats were holding their annual gathering on July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Shadows Ranch from noon to 4:00 p.m.. There would be candidate speakers and lots of freebies. Pete Helseth did not want to do a booth for fear of partisanship. Frank Young suggested that members just attend if they wanted.

**Second Annual Friends of Nonprofit:** Candy Decker reported that this was an all day event and they asked for a Beaver Brook Watershed presence. It would be at the Heritage Grove center in Evergreen. The Friends of Beaver Brook Watershed were invited.

**Idaho Springs Area 28 Focus Group:** Martha Tableman stated that the City of Idaho Springs was requesting Open Space Commission participation on this focus group. They were doing a planning exercise for the best use of the area with trails etc. Bert Weaver would be the County representative. Frank Young and Sue Howell volunteered for this focus group.

**Denver Mountain Parks Master Planning Effort:** Martha Tableman stated that Denver Mountain Parks was optimistic they would receive their GOCO grant for the master plan effort on their properties. They asked for Open Space Commission involvement on this planning committee. Matt Sailor agreed to be on this committee.

**Evergreen Audubon Society:** Fran Enright reported that the society had some funding for special projects, e.g., parking lots for the watershed. She suggested that the Open Space Commission submit a request for funding of a project. She would draft a letter for the commission to sign.

**Correspondence:** Martha Tableman presented the Legislative Report from the State House and Senate.

**Bills:** Martha Tableman presented the following bills for approval and payment:

- \$62.96 reimbursement to Candy Decker for weed day expenses

- \$22.30 reimbursement to Pete Helseth for maps

Matt Sailor made the motion to approve these bills for payment. Fran Enright seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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Frank Young, Chairman

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Candy Decker, Secretary

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## OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2006

The Open Space Commission met on July 7, 2006 via an online vote for the following consideration. In attendance were Martha Tableman, Hal Wahlborg, Sue Howell, Pete Helseth, Frank Young, Matt Sailor, and Candy Decker. Absent from the meeting were Sara Donahue, Fran Enright, Roy Beaton, and Suzanna Gould.

**Consideration of approval of payment of the first Sheriff's Office Security/Enforcement bill for the Beaver Brook Watershed Property:** Martha Tableman presented that this first bill was for \$3100 for the time of May 26<sup>th</sup> to June 18, 2006. Matt Sailor made the motion to pay this bill of \$3100 to the Clear Creek Sheriff's Office for security/enforcement for the Beaver Brook Watershed. Frank Young seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Frank Young, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

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## OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2006

The Open Space Commission met on July 12, 2006 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Roy Beaton, Pete Helseth, Martha Tableman, Frank Young, Sue Howell, Candy Decker, Hal Wahlborg, and Sarah Donahue. Absent from the meeting were Fran Enright, Matt Sailor, and Suzanna Gould.

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 p.m.

**Consideration of approval of June 14, 2006 Executive Session minutes:** Candy Decker made the motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from June 14, 2006. Hal Wahlborg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Consideration of approval of June 14, 2006 meeting minutes:** Sue Howell made the motion to approve the June 14, 2006 meeting minutes. Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Consideration of approval of July 7, 2006 online meeting minutes:** Pete Helseth made the motion to approve the online meeting minutes of July 7, 2006. Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Consideration of approval of May 18, 2006 online meeting minutes:** Roy Beaton made the motion to approve the online meeting minutes of May 18, 2006. Pete Helseth seconded and the

motion passed unanimously.

**Beaver Brook Watershed – Management Plan:** Frank Young reported that the final meeting of the planning team had been held and final comments had been submitted. There were no substantial changes to the plan. The plan was with the printer and copies should be ready in two weeks.

**Beaver Brook Watershed – Forest Service Purchase:** Frank Young reported that the U.S. Senate had appropriated \$3 million for the Forest Service to purchase another portion of the Beaver Brook Watershed. The Open Space Commission needed to start planning what portions they would sell to the Forest Service. Candy Decker stated that a letter writing campaign needed to be started now to the Congressional members to get them to pass the appropriation as well. Candy Decker and Marta Tableman agreed to work with Mel Andrew on lobbying the Congressional members.

Frank Young noted that the commission needed to make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on what portions to sell to the Forest Service and to anticipate what questions would arise during this transfer. Sue Howell motioned to hold a working session in October to plan for which portions to sell to the Forest Service. Sarah Donahue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Beaver Brook Watershed – Friends of Beaver Brook Watershed:** Candy Decker stated that the Friends were working on increasing their membership to assist in fund-raising and the ranger program. This would be the group that the Open Space Commission would put the future of the watershed with and they needed to have the full support of the Open Space Commission until then. Candy Decker suggested an appreciation/recognition party for the Friends members at the end of the year to thank them for all their efforts.

Frank Young stated that he had a Mount Evans Volunteer Report sample that could be used as a boilerplate by the Friends in their ranger program.

**Name tags:** Martha Tableman stated that she was still researching the right tags and so far, they ranged in price from \$6-9 each. The commission agreed that a lanyard with the name tag was the best idea.

**Beaver Brook Watershed - Security:** Frank Young reported that the watershed security provided by the Sheriff's office had been very effective and there were fewer problems than prior years. The Sheriff had been performing the patrols himself and had reported that patrols could be decreased and save the commission some money. There were not as many people in the watershed during the week as anticipated. Pete Helseth motioned to authorize Frank Young to negotiate with the Sheriff on the appropriate amount of patrols in the watershed. Sarah Donahue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Beaver Brook Watershed - Noxious Weed Grant:** Candy Decker reported that this grant would be transferred to the Friends of Beaver Brook Watershed as they were administering it already. Ginny Ades would work with MSU to change the recipient of the grant. Martha Tableman would coordinate with Ginny and with Matt Sailor on the grant databasing. Candy Decker stated they would plan to spray herbicides in the Fall. Martha Tableman would work with Lookout Mountain Water District on which herbicides to use.

**Beaver Brook Watershed - Chase Subdivision:** Frank Young reported that the estimated cost of the re-survey of the Chase Subdivision would cost around \$10,000. He had discussed with County Attorney Robert Loeffler that the affected homeowners should pay for this survey. Kay Axtel would be setting up a meeting of the property owners to discuss this survey and payment. Frank Young noted that if the landowners would not pay for the re-survey, they would not be able to sell their land.

Frank Young was also preparing to sell the well easement to the Chase Subdivision homeowner that needed it. Martha Tableman had been working with County Attorney Robert Loeffler on this easement. Roy Beaton asked to include a clause that the commission was not responsible if a well pipe was broken for some reason.

**Ballot Initiative:** Candy Decker reported that TPL could survey the public to predetermine their outlook on a mill levy increase for the Open Space Commission and for adjustment of spending ratio

for the commission. They would also write the ballot language. They would do this for \$12,000 which would result in \$6000 from the commission and \$6000 from the Boettcher Foundation. In past attempts, 36 of 41 of their ballot issues had passed. Martha Tableman shared with the commission a conversation with Commissioner O'Malley. He had posed questions such as:

- Would the Open Space Commission need to adjust their spending ratio since they would be losing the Beaver Brook Watershed?
- There would be 13 ballot initiatives from the State alone on this Fall's ballot.

Frank Young decided to let the survey from TPL determine these things. Pete Helseth expressed concern with spending taxpayer funds to lobby more taxpayer dollars. Frank Young offered the option of asking Friends to pay for the TPL services. Roy Beaton suggested the commission ask County Attorney Robert Loeffler if the commission could pay for the TPL offer and then do an online vote. Candy Decker suggested voting on it now contingent on Mr. Loeffler approving the idea as it would require two votes of the commission anyway. Roy Beaton asked if the commission could push for no ratio between management and acquisition at all and just spend their funding as they saw fit. Frank Young disagreed stating that one of the original missions of the commission was to ensure accountability. Candy Decker made the motion to approve up to \$6000 in matching funds to TPL for the survey of ballot issues and the writing of the ballot language per County Attorney Robert Loeffler's approval for issue #1 to increase the mill levy and, #2, to change the allocation of management to acquisition. Roy Beaton seconded. The following members voted in favor: Roy Beaton, Candy Decker, Frank Young, Hal Wahlborg, Sarah Donahue, and Sue Howell. Pete Helseth voted no. The group agreed that if Mr. Loeffler denied them the ability to pay TPL that they would ask Friends for the funding and still pursue the ballot issues this year.

**Floyd Hill Crossing Project:** Frank Young reported that this proposal was heard before the Board of County Commissioners this week and the commission was trying to secure access across the property so the commission would have access to their public lands above. The Board of County Commissioners had approved the project subject to access being granted by the landowner.

**Open Space Commission Vacancy:** Frank Young reported that both interested candidates had withdrawn their application to the commission so they needed to re-advertise the vacancy in both newspapers.

**Off-Highway-Vehicle Grant:** Frank Young reported that their grant application was denied but they would apply again.

**Noxious Weeds:** Sue Howell reported that she had been attending the County noxious weed meetings and the Open Space Commission needed to consider the clematis problem on the sheepkeep lands. Frank Young agreed and added that he would also communicate the noxious weed efforts on the Beaver Brook Watershed to the County committee.

**Whitewater Park:** Pete Helseth reported that this grant application was denied due to too many applicants in this recent cycle.

Regarding the CDOT Enhancement Grant, Martha Tableman would continue working with CDOT on the technical data and hoped for a Spring construction period.

**Georgetown Property:** Frank Young reported that GOCO grant had been approved and awarded to purchase the property in Georgetown for the property that would be a part of the Greenway path. This application had been submitted by the Town of Georgetown and the Open Space Commission had agreed to participate in the match of the grant.

**Arrastra Property:** Martha Tableman had closed out this grant and the commission would be receiving a \$1484 reimbursement.

**Geneva Basin:** Frank Young reported that a work day still needed to be set up for this property as the last work day was canceled due to weather. The group agreed to try for July 29<sup>th</sup> and meet at the courthouse at 9:00 a.m.

**Executive Session:** Sarah Donahue made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate issues as allowed by CRS 24-6-402-(4)(a). Sue Howell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Purchase of mining claims:** Roy Beaton made the motion to authorize Sue Howell to continue discussions with the seller to see if they would sell at a certain price and/or offer \$500/acre for the one claim with a possible donation of the second claim. He asked that the ownership of the second claim be clarified as well. Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Sue Howell agreed to update the commission via email.

**Special Use Permits:** Martha Tableman and Roy Beaton were still working on this application so it would apply for other open space properties

**New Business:**

**MALT Stewardship:** Frank Young reported that MALT would be touring the Elmgreen Open Space area on July 21, 2006 at around 1:00 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. (Time to be confirmed). The commission did have permission for access for this trip and anyone was welcome to attend.

**Alps Mountain Zoning:** Frank Young reported that the Planning Department was pushing to finish the township zoning of this area and had been delayed due to some unpatented claims. The Open Space Commission had wanted a new zoning for these properties to protect them. Frank Young would continue to watch this process.

**Correspondence:** Candy Decker presented some new information on tax credits as provided by the Colorado Coalition for Land Trusts.

**Bills:** Roy Beaton made the motion to approve the following bills for payment:

- \$501.50 to the Mapping Department for Beaver Brook Watershed maps
- \$243.00 to pay for Beaver Brook Watershed advertising for the public meeting
- \$50.00 reimbursement to Pete Helseth for rental of meeting space for the Beaver Brook Watershed meeting

Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

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Frank Young, Chairman

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Candy Decker, Secretary

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Attest

**OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**July 17, 2006**

The Open Space Commission met on July 17, 2006 via an online vote for the following consideration. In attendance were Martha Tableman, Frank Young, Pete Helseth, Roy Beaton, Matt Sailor, Fran Enright, Sue Howell and Candy Decker. Absent from the discussion were Suzanna Gould, Sarah Donahue, and Hal Wahlborg.

**Consideration of approval of request for wedding to be held in Beaver Brook Watershed near the west end of the lake:** Martha Tableman reported that a request had been received for a small wedding (20 people) to be held in the Beaver Brook Watershed at the west end of the lake. The reception would be held offsite. As both grandparents were 80+ years of age, the applicant had requested vehicle transport to the wedding site. They would also bring some chairs for seating. Frank Young made the motion to issue a special use permit for the wedding including access by a single vehicle for the grandparents. Matt Sailor expressed concern on setting a precedent with motorized vehicles as well as concern for Lookout Mountain Water District participation in this decision. Roy Beaton had concerns with setting precedent with motorized vehicles, the vision of use for the watershed, the date of the event, and a formulated policy for events when motorized access is not an issue. Candy Decker would be in favor of permitting the wedding if the grandparents could be shuttled via wheelchairs to the wedding site.

Frank Young added the following additional comments:

- This request was a minor exception to the non motorized use policy.
- The wedding was on a week day and of very short duration.
- The chances of disturbing other uses of the watershed were minimal.
- Regarding rights of access on the road system, the Open Space Commission had management of the public use of the roads across Lookout Mountain Water District's land, so access was not an issue.
- This type of situation was the reason the commission had given themselves the discretion to allow exceptions to their stated policy.
- If people could enjoy the watershed with minimal impact, this was something the commission could allow.

Pete Helseth seconded the motion. Fran Enright stated that she could approve the wedding without the motorized access. Martha Tableman noted that wedding was scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup>, a Thursday. Frank Young amended his motion to approve a special use permit for a wedding request to be held August 10<sup>th</sup>, in the Beaver Brook Watershed but to not allow motorized vehicles. Sue Howell expressed opposition for the same reasons expressed by Matt Sailor and Roy Beaton. Pete Helseth seconded the amended motion and asked if the Sheriff could drive the grandparents to the ceremony since he had motorized access. Matt Sailor agreed but wanted to establish a formal policy for events such as this and what the commission may or may not allow. Fran Enright and Sue Howell agreed with Matt Sailor. Candy Decker agreed. The motion passed with Frank Young, Pete Helseth, Matt Sailor, Fran Enright, Sue Howell, and Candy Decker in favor.

Frank Young, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

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Attest

## OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2006

The Open Space Commission met on July 20, 2006 via an online vote for the following consideration. In attendance were Matt Sailor, Candy Decker, Sue Howell, Hal Wahlborg, Fran Enright, Pete Helseth, Frank Young, and Martha Tableman. Absent from the vote were Roy Beaton, Suzanna Gould, and Sarah Donahue.

**Consideration of approval of funding expenditure to TPL for ballot issue public opinion survey:** Matt Sailor reported that County Attorney Robert Loeffler had cleared the Open Space Commission for spending money on the public opinion survey to see how their potential ballot issues would be received. Matt Sailor made the motion to approve \$6000 to be spent on this public opinion survey conducted by TPL and giving them notice to proceed with the survey process. Candy Decker seconded. Fran Enright, Pete Helseth, Frank Young, Hal Wahlborg and Sue Howell supported this motion. The motion passed with Matt Sailor, Candy Decker, Fran Enright, Pete Helseth, Frank Young, Hal Wahlborg, and Sue Howell voting in favor. Frank Young asked Matt Sailor to get the process started with TPL.

Frank Young, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

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## OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

## AUGUST 9, 2006

The Open Space Commission met on August 9, 2006 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Martha Tableman, Fran Enright, Matt Sailor, Frank Young, Candy Decker, Hal Wahlborg, Marilyn Hogan, Kit Darrow, Mark O'Conner, Nissa Maddox, and Ginny Ades. Absent from the meeting were Roy Beaton, Sarah Donahue, Sue Howell and Pete Helseth.

**Approval of Agenda:** Frank Young noted that they would begin a new format for the agendas. Updates would be done by email and decision items would be on the agenda for the commission to consider.

**Beaver Brook Watershed –Forest Service Purchase:** The commission decided to have Fran Enright, Frank Young, Candy Decker and Matt Sailor be the Beaver Brook Watershed Forest Service purchase committee.

**Beaver Brook Watershed – Security:** Frank Young reported that security on weekends would be increased and security during the weekdays would be decreased.

**Beaver Brook Watershed – Noxious Weeds:** Candy Decker reported that they were ready to spray noxious weeds in the watershed. She did inform the Lookout Mountain Water District but had not heard back from them. Matt Sailor suggested getting something in writing from the Lookout Mountain Water District acknowledging the weed spraying. The commission would not require a special use permit for the weed spraying.

**Special Use Permit Guidelines:** The commission decided to have Fran Enright, Matt Sailor, Frank Young and Candy Decker be the committee to handle the Open Space Commission special use permit guidelines for the Beaver Brook Watershed and other open space lands.

**Updates:** Updates would be provided via email regarding the Geneva Iron Fen property, Alps Mountain, the Floyd Hill Crossing project, and the arrastra site.

**Approval of Minutes:** Fran Enright made the motion to approve the July 12<sup>th</sup>, the July 12<sup>th</sup> Executive Session, the July 17<sup>th</sup> online, and the July 20, 2006 online Open Space Commission meeting minutes. Hal Wahlborg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Guest Speakers:**

**Ginny Ades:** Ms. Ades stated that the MALT Trailfest day was approaching. This celebration was held in the Beaver Brook Watershed and was considered an outreach-fundraiser. MALT used to have tables and tents and utilize vehicle access to transport these items into the watershed at the meadow. She suggested the Open Space Commission present the Beaver Brook Watershed management plan and possibly a presentation from GOCO. Fran Enright was strongly against any vehicle access into the watershed. She suggested MALT move the celebration to the Witter Gulch meadow and use vehicles on the Forest Service property. There was also plenty of parking at this location. Ms. Ades agreed to research this idea.

Ms. Ades also mentioned that she was a part of the Evergreen Arts Center and forty artists would be in the watershed to paint that day. She would pass a strong message to the artists that vehicles were not allowed in the portion of the watershed owned by the Open Space Commission. The commission agreed to have a presence at the Trailfest, e.g. Matt Sailor and Fran Enright. Fran Enright asked to see the paperwork on the event before the commission voted on approval of the event's special use permit. The commission agreed to take an online vote at a later time.

**Nissa Maddox, Trust for Public Lands:** Ms. Maddox presented the TPL recent newsletter and online database information. She and Matt Sailor had been working on a survey of County voters on whether they would support an increase in the Open Space Commission mill levy and/or a reallocation of management to acquisition ratio of expenditures. There were 250 people surveyed in Clear Creek County. Regarding the increase in the mill levy, the results were a good solid "yes." The opposition cited no new taxes as their reasoning. It was noted that anything related to water seemed to stir interest in the people surveyed. Ms. Maddox recommended using water/water quality verbiage in the ballot language. TPL was surprised that providing public access to open space lands and trails were not a high concern for those surveyed. Regarding the ballot issue on changing the expenditure ratio, the results were 47% in favor due to the need of

management and the public safety aspect. Things to consider in this upcoming ballot were the anti-tax contingency in Clear Creek County, the Open Space Commission question would be first on the ballot, and there were multiple State issues on the ballot. Ms. Maddox recommended that the Open Space Commission campaign their issues via direct mail to their voters. She had a contact for producing the direct mail pieces if the commission was interested. She and Matt Sailor would work to finalize the ballot language with County Attorney Robert Loeffler. She recommended the commission find volunteers now to champion their ballot issues. Once the Board of County Commissioners voted to approve the ballot language, the commission members were officially in the campaign stage and could not use County resources or do any campaigning while at work for the County. The commission would be limited on the dollars they could spend for lobbying. She suggested that the commission find a volunteer to register their political issues committee online with the Secretary of State. Fran Enright made the motion to proceed on the ballot initiative. Matt Sailor seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Beaver Brook Watershed – Management Plan:** Marilyn Hogan and Kit Darrow stated that there was not any substantial changes from the final draft to the final copy of the plan. Frank Young stated that following adoption of this plan would be the implementation policies of parts of the plan, e.g., hunting, special use permits, etc. Fran Enright suggested that the Forest Service purchase was probably the biggest issue at hand. Rather than have the entire commission review each piece of the plan, she suggested the Beaver Brook Watershed Forest Service Purchase committee begin their process on which portions to sell to the Forest Service and the pros/cons. This same committee could also be the Beaver Brook Watershed Management committee which would review the plan for any special implementation policies. Fran Enright motioned to establish the Beaver Brook Watershed management committee as herself, Matt Sailor, Candy Decker, and Frank Young. Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Candy Decker made the motion to adopt the Beaver Brook Watershed Open Space Management Plan dated July 17, 2006 as presented by Hogan, Darrow, Design Partners. Matt Sailor seconded. During discussion, Ms. Darrow noted that the plan was prioritized by date as a way of ordering implementation. Mr. O'Connor stated that he felt the plan was a little hunting-paranoid. He stated that hunter safety education had come a long way and the chances of being injured in a hunting accident in the watershed were minimal. Most visitors to the watershed were on opposite schedules of the hunters. The vote was unanimous.

**Mining Claims:** Frank Young reported that the Scott property purchase had closed.

**Upper Elmgreen Property:** It was reported that MALT was doing custodial duties on the conservation easement for the Upper Elmgreen property.

**Open Space Commission Vacancy:** It was reported that one applicant and two other parties were interested in filling the vacancy for the Associate Member on the Open Space Commission.

**Whitewater Park:** Martha Tableman reported that she and Pete Helseth had met with CDOT regarding the Whitewater Park. They had suggested that the \$100,000 slotted for the Lawson Bridge be allocated to the Whitewater Park since the Lawson Bridge was now an applicant for bridge funding through the CDOT cycle. Martha confirmed through the Public Works Division Directors Tim Allen that he did not need the Open Space Commission funding for this bridge. Martha stated that the Board of County Commissioners had allocated \$35,000 from the Conservation Trust Fund toward the Whitewater Park project, however the commission was still \$3,000 short for the total project. Fran Enright made the motion to increase the Open Space Commission match by another \$3,000. Matt Sailor seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

**Colorado Search and Rescue Dogs:** Frank Young stated that the Colorado Search & Rescue Dog organization had used vehicles to do their dog search and rescue training in the watershed and they wanted permission to continue using the vehicles. Matt Sailor stated that using vehicles threw off the scent as opposed to if they hiked into the watershed. To place objects to be found, they needed vehicles. Hal Wahlborg was in favor as this was a public service. Fran Enright was opposed to any motorized access. She suggested they use the Forest Service portion of the watershed and get motorized access from them. Matt Sailor stated that the rescue dog group had preferred training sites which were on the open space portion of the watershed. Additionally,

what if a rescue had to be made on the Open Space Commission portion of the lands. Matt Sailor suggested a frequency limit on the trainings for the rescue dog group. Fran Enright stated that people would see the cars in the watershed and complain. Matt Sailor made the motion to allow the rescue dog group to continue their motorized access for training. Candy Decker seconded. During discussion, Fran Enright stated that this group could use the Forest Service or the Elk Management areas for training. Candy Decker requested more time for discussion. Frank Young motioned that the original motion be tabled until the next meeting. Hal Wahlborg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Bills:** Fran Enright made the motion to approve the following bills for payment:

- \$797 Reimbursement to Martha Tableman for paying the additional closing costs on the Scott property
- \$137.44 Payment to Carsonite International for signs/stickers for open space areas.
- \$125.03 Payment to Campbell Pet Co. For leashes
- \$12,000 Payment to HDDP for the Beaver Brook Watershed Management Plan
- \$15.79 Payment to FEDEX to mail the Scotts the conservation easement
- \$27.20 Reimbursement to Candy Decker for copies of flyers for Beaver Brook Watershed

Hal Wahlborg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Frank Young, Chairman

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Candy Decker, Secretary

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## OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

### AUGUST 21, 2006

The Open Space Commission met via an online vote on August 21, 2006. In attendance were Martha Tableman, Roy Beaton, Matt Sailor, Candy Decker, Frank Young, Fran Enright, Sue Howell, Sarah Donahue, and Hal Wahlborg. Absent from the meeting were Pete Helseth, and Suzanna Gould.

**Consideration of approval of special use permit for MALT for the Trail Fest on October 1, 2006:** Martha Tableman stated that MALT was requesting a special use permit for Trail Fest on October 1, 2006 to be held in the Beaver Brook Watershed. Frank Young made the motion to approve the permit for MALT for Trail Fest. Matt Sailor seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Frank Young, Chairman

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Candy Decker, Secretary

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## OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**AUGUST 23, 2006**

The Open Space Commission met via an online vote on August 23, 2006. In attendance were Martha Tableman, Matt Sailor, Fran Enright, Candy Decker, Hal Wahlborg, Frank Young, Sue Howell, Sarah Donahue, and Pete Helseth. Absent from the meeting were Roy Beaton, and Suzanna Gould.

**Consideration of approval of payment of TPL invoice for \$6000 for Open Space Feasibility services (public opinion survey):** Martha Tableman stated that the commission had received a \$6000 invoice from TPL for the public opinion survey performed. She requested that the commission approve this invoice for payment. Frank Young made the motion to pay the TPL invoice of \$6000 for the public opinion survey. Matt Sailor seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Frank Young, Chairman

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Candy Decker, Secretary

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## **OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**September 13, 2006**

The Open Space Commission met on September 13, 2006 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Martha Tableman, Fran Enright, Roy Beaton, Sue Howell, Hal Wahlborg, Frank Young, Sarah Donahue, and Matt Sailor. Absent from the meeting were Candy Decker, Pete Helseth, and Suzanna Gould.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Approval of August Minutes, meeting and online:** Fran Enright made the motion to approve the minutes from August 2006. Sarah Donahue seconded. The vote was Fran Enright, Sue Howell, Hal Wahlborg, Frank Young, Sarah Donahue, and Matt Sailor voting in favor. Roy Beaton abstained.

**Officer Reports:** Matt Sailor reported that he was finalizing the budget. The commission would be \$17,000 over budget in operations for 2006. They would use \$23,000 of their contingency fund and if they kept spending the contingency in this manner, they would have not contingency dollars by 2011. Matt Sailor reported that the commission had \$500,000 in acquisition funding.

In brief discussion of bike paths, Sue Howell expressed caution in Community Development Project Director Bert Weaver persuading the Open Space Commission to take over the bike paths in Clear Creek County. She expressed disappointment in the design of the Stanley bridge.

**Old Business:**

**Ballot Initiative:** Matt Sailor, Candy Decker, Fran Enright, and Sue Howell had started a plan for Citizens for Open Space to carry the ballot issue. They had registered at the Secretary of State and opened a checking account. They would meet on Wednesdays until the election. There were many private citizens involved. They would be presenting at the EMERGE meeting on October 17, 2006. They would be considered 1A on the ballot and they were composing a pro/con statement.

**Search & Rescue Dog Training:** The Open Space Commission had received a copy of the Search & Rescue Dog Training group special use permit application. The group planned to train 2 days a month and had a training agreement with the City of Golden in prior years. They wanted to use vehicles to place their mock victims so the scent was lost effectively. Their preferred area of training was near the reservoir and Pat Creek. Roy Beaton made the motion to

approve the special use permit for the Search and Rescue Dog group. Hal Wahlborg seconded. During discussion, Fran Enright, Sue Howell, Sarah Donahue, and Matt Sailor expressed concern for vehicles in the watershed. They preferred a non-motorized policy. Fran Enright suggested they use other Forest Service property that did have road access. The motion died. Roy Beaton amended his motion to approve the application provided that no cars would be allowed in the Beaver Brook Watershed lands, the commission receiving a one month's notice, and the commission would have veto power over proposed dates if needed. Additionally, all dogs had to remain on leash until the exercise commenced. When the training was taking place, signage must be posted at both entrances on the gates. The permit would expire six months after date of issuance. Hal Wahlborg amended the second. Roy Beaton, Hal Wahlborg, Matt Sailor, Fran Enright, Sue Howell, and Frank Young voted in favor. Sarah Donahue voted in opposition. The motion passed 6-1.

**Beaver Brook Watershed - Forest Service purchase:** The commission agreed that they would have to decide which lands to convey to the Forest Service with the allocated funding recently passed by the Federal Government to the Forest Service for another portion of the watershed. They discussed another letter writing campaign to the federal legislators.

**Friends of Beaver Brook Watershed Update:** Frank Young discussed liability waivers for volunteers and how youth would be allowed to volunteer. The group discussed a "Thank You" recognition party for the Friends at the end of the year.

**Chase Subdivision:** Frank Young was composing a letter to the eight landowners to discuss the distribution of cost for the survey. The well easement was with MALT and GOCO for comment.

**Beaver Brook Watershed - Hunting:** The commission was working on signs for hunting in the watershed which included no shooting within 500-ft of residences.

**Beaver Brook Watershed - Signs:** Matt Sailor stated that the Friends of Beaver Brook Watershed wanted to add some signage on weeds in the kiosks. The commission agreed.

**Beaver Brook Watershed - Security:** A white Chevy pickup is being seen driving in the watershed. The Sheriff was alerted. Fran Enright suggested changing the combination.

**Special Use Permit Committee:** Fran Enright, Martha Tableman, Candy Decker and Frank Young would be the committee to work on the special use permit process for other open space lands.

**MALT - Trailfest:** TrailFest would be held on October 1, 2006 at the Beaver Brook Watershed. Fran Enright, Frank Young, Matt Sailor and Sue Howell volunteered to work the Open Space Commission table at TrailFest from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. It would be held at the Old Squaw Pass entrance.

Sarah Donahue left the meeting at this time.

**Open Space Commission Vacancy:** One resident had submitted a letter of interest in becoming a commissioner. He was invited to this meeting but did not attend.

**Geneva Basin:** Fran Enright suggested funding a graduate student 80/20 to do a study on the iron fens. Frank Young stated that the EPA had completed a report on the iron fens in the San Juans. The group discussed commercial permits for the use of the commission's land at Geneva Basin.

**Alps Mountain - County Lands:** Frank Young reported that there were County lands to be conveyed to the Open Space Commission that were not yet zoned. The Planning Commission wanted to finish the zoning in this area. The question was whether to zone the lands NR-PC or Buffer. There was one unpatented mining claim owner in this area. There was currently a moratorium at the federal level on issuing patents. Frank Young suggested the Open Space Commission recommend NR-PC and he would continue to work with Planner II Sarah Kaminski.

**Floyd Hill Crossing Project:** Frank Young reported that he attended a meeting with the new owners of the Lathrop property to hear their proposal. The new owners were proposing an

amusement park with gondola, water slides, paintball, and Off-Highway-Vehicle activities. They did request to use some of the open space property for Off-Highway-Vehicle activities. Frank Young stated that the commission really needed to push for a rationale and policy memo on these open space lands adjacent to this property, present to the Planning Commission to receive comment, and present it to the Board of County Commissioners. Frank Young requested another commissioner to assist him with this project. If interested, contact Frank Young.

**Arrastra Site:** Frank Young reported that there had been a HazMat spill on the arrastra property. The cleanup was still in process. A meeting had been held with the Colorado State Patrol on HazMat procedure.

**Mining Claims:** Frank Young stated that the Scott mining claim purchased had closed and work was continuing with the donation of the Anderson property.

**Executive Session:** Sue Howell made the motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Open Space Commission adjourned from Executive Session into regular session to complete their monthly meeting.

**Purchase of Mining Claims:** Fran Enright made the motion to pursue the purchase of two mining claims east of Idaho Springs per the owner's offer. Roy Beaton seconded. During discussion, Frank Young noted that the lands did not really meet Open Space Commission criteria but they would be good trading lands with the Forest Service. The motion passed unanimously. A second vote would be completed via online as two votes were needed for confirmation. Sue Howell would work with the landowner.

**Priorities for Fall:** The commission discussed the priority of sub-committee meetings getting these groups together. The groups were listed as the Ballot Committee, the 2007 Beaver Brook Watershed Funding Committee, the Real Estate Committee, and the Beaver Brook Watershed Management Plan Implementation Committee. The Real Estate Committee needed to work with Special Projects Division Director Lisa Vogel on locations, owners, values and baseline information on certain properties. Martha Tableman would send emails to set up committee meetings.

**Correspondence:** The nonprofit luncheon summit with the Board of County Commissioners would be held on September 25, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. at the Georgetown Community Center.

**Bills:** Martha Tableman presented the following bills for payment:

- \$3.50 for Office Depot.
- \$162.20 for Botanist David Bathke for mileage.
- \$600.00 for C&C Machine Welding for the Beaver Brook Watershed bench.
- \$6360.00 for Beaver Brook Watershed security provided by the Sheriff's office.

Sue Howell made the motion to pay the bills as presented. Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Frank Young, Chairman

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Candy Decker, Secretary

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## OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2006

The Open Space Commission met on 2006 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Roy Beaton, Sue Howell, Fran Enright, Martha Tableman, Hal Wahlborg, Frank Young, and Matt Sailor. Absent from the meeting were Sarah Donahue, Suzanna Gould, Candy Decker, and Pete Helseth.

**Consideration of approval of second vote to purchase two mining claims East of Idaho**

**Springs:** Martha Tableman reported that one of the two claims would be purchased for \$1000/acre and the second claim was offered as a donation. Each claim was approximately five acres in size. Frank Young made the motion to approve the second vote to purchase the two mining claims East of Idaho Springs. Fran Enright seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Frank Young, Chairman

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**OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**October 11, 2006**

The Open Space Commission met on October 11, 2006 at the Majestic Building in Idaho Springs for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Sue Howell, Martha Tableman, Candy Decker, Hal Wahlborg, Frank Young, and Fran Enright. Absent from the meeting were Matt Sailor, Roy Beaton, Suzanna Gould, Sarah Donahue, and Pete Helseth.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Bills:** Martha Tableman presented the bills to be approved for payment as follows:

- Reimbursement to Martha Tableman of \$23.94 for Kinko's bill
- Reimbursement to Fran Enright of \$9.94 for the making of keys
- Mapping Department fees of \$42.00
- Reimbursement to Candy Decker of \$27.20 for copies

Candy Decker made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Fran Enright seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of September 13, 2006 minutes, September 13, 2006 Executive Session minutes and September 26, 2006 online minutes:** Candy Decker made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Fran Enright seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Officer Reports:** Frank Young reported that the email updates were doing well. Martha Tableman reported that Matt Sailor had submitted a 2007 draft budget for the Open Space Commission and would revise it before presentation before the Board of County Commissioners on October 24, 2006. Candy Decker reported that she was compiling the Annual Report.

**Correspondence:** A "thank you" letter was received from MALT to the Open Space Commission.

**Beaver Brook Watershed Bench:** Martha Tableman reported that the bench was finished, paid for, and ready for pick up. Frank Young stated that holes were put in the feet of the bench for securing into the ground. The commission agreed that Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. they would pick up the bench and meet others at the Squaw Pass Gate at 10:30 a.m. to place the bench in the watershed. The commission invited everyone to attend.

**Geneva Basin Iron Fens:** Fran Enright would be contacting Julie Holmes and the commission wanted to contact Jim Gordon of the Tumbling River Ranch about the iron fens importance.

**Alpine Rescue Team Special Use Permit Application at the Beaver Brook Watershed:** Martha Tableman reported that the Alpine Rescue Team had requested a special use permit application to do some training in the Beaver Brook Watershed and they would like to have vehicle access. The team claimed to have streamlined the permitting process with the Denver Mountain Parks and the Jefferson County Open Space group for when they used their lands. Each year they would send their proof of insurance and request approval of training dates. Fran Enright asked Martha Tableman to contact Denver Mountain Parks and Jefferson County Open Space for copies of the team's prior applications.

Frank Young asked the commission to come to terms with the non-motorized use in the watershed. Currently, the commission allowed vehicle access for management but the use of cars during emergency training was still in question. The commission had denied Colorado Search and Rescue Dogs vehicle access. Sue Howell stated that the Alpine Rescue Team application was too many people and too many cars. She asked why they could not use vehicle access on Forest Service lands instead. Fran Enright agreed stating the vehicles in the watershed would be much confusion during hunting season. Proper notice should be given when each group was using the watershed so the commission could stagger the users and have little overlap. Frank Young stated that emergency agencies were different than social events using the watershed. Sue Howell suggested approval of the team's application with no use of ATV's, snowmobiles, or their communication center van. Frank Young suggested that during trainings, the applicant post signage at the entrances to the watershed alerting other users of their training. Fran Enright agreed with Sue Howell that the applicant should use other lands, e.g., Forest Service lands, where they would permit vehicle access. Frank Young replied that the attraction their portion of the watershed was the good vehicle access. Candy Decker and Frank Young noted that it may not be "good will" to continue denying the applications of emergency responders or not allowing motorized access. Frank Young suggested that a representative from the Alpine Rescue Team come to the December Open Space Commission meeting to discuss this application. Fran Enright suggested recommending other of the Open Space Commission properties for training with vehicle access such as the Alps Mountain or sheepkeep properties.

**Special Use Permit Process for all Open Space Commission Lands:** Frank Young suggested clarifying a subcommittee to work on the special use permit process for other Open Space Commission lands. The committee was confirmed to be Frank Young, Fran Enright, Candy Decker and Martha Tableman. Fran Enright suggested collecting other permit applications to use as boilerplates. County Attorney Bob Loeffler had suggested to the Open Space Commission to gather criteria to be met by applicants for the Open Space Commission process. Sue Howell recommended a right to refuse an application if it did not meet Open Space Commission criteria. Frank Young suggested compiling a draft permit process by the subcommittee and sending it to Roy Beaton for final review.

**Courtesy Committee:** Sue Howell reminded everyone that the Open Space Commission still needed to decide on a "thank you" gift for the Friends of Beaver Brook Watershed. The group agreed that an article of clothing, preferably a fleece vest with embroidered language or a badge, would be a good idea. She also suggested that the Open Space Commission send a personal letter of thanks to founding member Marion Anderson who had recently resigned. Sue Howell, Fran Enright, and Martha Tableman would work on holiday cards from the Open Space Commission for the coming holiday season.

**Executive Session:** Frank Young motioned to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Hal Wahlborg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Open Space Commission then adjourned from Executive Session to consider the following

matter.

**Consideration of approval of acceptance of land donation:** Sue Howell made the motion to accept the land donation from the Anderson group and proceed with the transfer of ownership. Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m

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Frank Young, Chairman

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Candy Decker, Secretary

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## OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2006

The Open Space Commission met on 2006 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman, Hal Wahlborg, Roy Beaton, Pete Helseth, Sue Howell, Candy Decker, Fran Enright, and Sarah Donahue, and guest Ginny Chamberlain. Absent from the meeting were Frank Young, Suzanna Gould, and Matt Sailor.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Approval of October meeting minutes:** The commission reviewed the minutes and made some minor corrections. The commission approved the minutes.

**Ballot Initiative 1A:** The commission was disappointed in the outcome that was voiced by the county voters. The commission studied the difference between the “for” and “against” votes. The vote was lost by 189 votes. Possible reasons for lost identified were voter fatigue---too many ballot initiatives and anti-tax attitudes. The commission decided to learn from this experience and keep the voter survey in the commission files for future reference.

It was noted that if the state legislature passes the sales tax for open space that has passed in previous legislatures but has been vetoed by Gov. Owens, it might be an alternative means to get open space funds. It would still require voter approval but may be more acceptable as it is seen as taxing visitors to the county. It would be helpful to have information on amount that would be raised from a sales tax increase and what proportion is thought to be from non-County residents.

In planning for the next initiative recommendations made were to start earlier in talking to the public, be more visible of what the Open Space Commission did for the county, state costs per family, develop a clear statement of the value of open space. In learning from this experience, the Open Space Commission wanted to get input from TPL on changes for the next attempt and obtaining precinct-voting data to know where the support was.

**Use and Management of Open Space Lands:** At previous meetings, it had been discussed that there was a need to develop a special use permit system for all Open Space lands. Special use policies and criteria from other counties were reviewed. When reviewing a draft of a special use resolution, Frank Young expanded the focus to provide authorization for overall management and associated enforcement for all Open Space lands. It was explained that this resolution was developed based on the language used in the Beaver Brook Watershed resolution. Major changes were to change the focus to Open Space lands and several provisions were omitted (e.g., camping, fires, use of firearms). Fran Enright had provided written comments with suggested changes. These changes were adopted.

It was requested that a redline version be provided that showed the changes from the Beaver Brook resolution. Commission members would have an additional week to review the document and provide comments.

The Open Space Commission then adjourned and reconvened in Executive Session to discuss real estate matters as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a).

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**Title Insurance Funding Request:** Following the Executive Session, Sue Howell motioned to purchase title insurance for the Maggie and Morningstar claims up to \$500. Sarah Donahue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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**Consideration of approval of purchase of property in the North Spring Gulch area:** Fran Enright made the motion to make a full price offer for the property in the North Spring Gulch area per Board of County Commissioners approval, an Environmental Assessment, and a placement of a conservation easement. Sue Howell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

**Board of County Commissioners Working Session on December 13<sup>th</sup>:** All Open Space Commission members received an email inviting them to attend a Board of County Commissioners work session on December 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss ways to improve communication between the various County land use departments and associated commissions. It was explained that the genesis of this meeting arose from recent land use cases where misunderstandings had occurred and various County departments seemed to be at cross-purposes. It was thought that a meeting to discuss referral and other processes would improve the process for all concerned.

In considering the issue, Open Space Commission members asked that referrals and other documents seeking a response from Open Space be sent to all Commission members. It was suggested that this would improve communication on the Commission about these issues and enable the associated workload to be more equitably distributed. It was also suggested that written positions on referrals and other such documents be put before the entire Open Space Commission for discussion and approval before being submitted.

During discussion, it was recognized that Frank Young has done much of the work on referrals. Members expressed their appreciation for his efforts and suggested that given the increasing amount of referrals and other activities being addressed by the Open Space Commission, it was time for others on the Commission to work on these issues.

It was observed that it would be helpful to have several Open Space Commission members attend the Work Session. Members were asked to let Martha know if you are planning to attend.

**Holiday Cards:** Several photographs were considered for use in a Christmas card. A photo of the Elmgreen property was selected. Martha Tableman would contact Tim Mauck for assistance on who to send the cards to for the holiday.

**Holiday Gifts:** The purchase of holiday gift vests was approved for volunteers that had assisted the Open Space Commission. It was also noted that having magnetic signs for cars and trucks would be helpful to identify vehicles being used in an official capacity. One idea was the placement of small magnets on the back of existing signs.

**Bills for Approval:** The following bills were presented for payment: Office Depot, Colorline and Recreational Engineering and Planning. The bills were all approved for payment. It was

noted that “thank you” cards for people who helped in the Beaver Brook Watershed were finished and needed to be picked up.

The meeting adjourned.

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Frank Young, Chairman

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Candy Decker, Secretary

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Attest

## OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2006

### ONLINE VOTE

The Open Space Commission met on 2006 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman, Pete Helseth, Hal Wahlborg, Fran Enright, Candy Decker, and Sue Howell.

**Consideration of approval of funding request for land acquisition:** Fran Enright made the motion to purchase property in the North Spring Gulch area for \$40,000 and earnest money as a deposit of \$999, with an Environmental Assessment performed on this property, and a conservation easement put into place at the closing by the seller. Sue Howell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Frank Young, Chairman

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Candy Decker, Secretary

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## OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2006

The Open Space Commission met on December 13, 2006 at the Majestic Building in Idaho Springs for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Frank Young, Hal Wahlborg, Fran Enright, Sarah Donahue, Martha Tableman, Sue Howell, and Special Projects Division Director Lisa Vogel. Absent from the meeting were Matt Sailor, Roy Beaton, Candy Decker, Suzanna Gould, and Pete Helseth.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

**Officer Reports:** Martha Tableman reported that Candy Decker had sent out information from MALT regarding conservation easements and tax alerts.

**Approval of November meeting, Executive Session, and online minutes:** Fran Enright made the motion to approve the November meeting and online minutes with minor amendments. Sarah Donahue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright made the motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from the November meeting with minor amendments. Sarah Donahue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Unscheduled Appearances:**

**Hwy 6 Properties Discussion with Lisa Vogel:** Ms. Vogel made the following presentation:

She presented a map of the Hwy 6 properties which were known as former-BLM lands located between Floyd Hill and the Hidden Valley area.

She noted that the Floyd Hill Master Plan was underway at the county. This plan process would include open space properties such as the Hwy 6 lands, the Elmgreen lands, and the Beaver Brook Watershed lands.

At the request of the Frei family, she and Bert Weaver had met with them to discuss the Hwy 6 properties.

She stated that the Freis wanted to buy all the adjacent county lands. The Freis believed the unpatented claims had value and they wanted full ownership of their unpatented claims. County Attorney Robert Loeffler did not see these unpatented claims of value. Someone had filed an interest for the placer areas within the Hwy 6 properties.

The Freis still wanted the Greenway on the north side of the creek. Frank Young stated that this presented difficulties as they would have to find a way to get the Greenway back over to the south side of the creek. Frank Young stated that if they kept the Greenway behind the green buildings, they could still have the trail and a picnic area with stream frontage.

The Freis wanted the land between the two ridgelines, conservation easements, and they were considering reservoirs.

The Freis had considered building a home at the mouth of Lewis Gulch.

Ms. Vogel stated that, during their meeting, they did not discuss the shooting range areas.

Frank Young made the following statements:

- Hugh Osborne had walked some of these properties with the Open Space Commission.
- The open space attribute was to have stream frontage through this area.
- Discussion of these Hwy 6 properties with the Freis did not impact the Open Space Commission access to the Elmgreen lands.
- Frank Young suggested making the access across the Hwy 6 properties as part of a conservation easement.
- Frank Young asked if anyone had other ideas for some of the Hwy 6 properties other than the Greenway access (yellow portion on the map). Fran Enright suggested possible fishing sites.
- Frank Young summarized that the Open Space Commission wanted everything south of the creek as open space (blue areas on the map), hook around the tunnel, an access route from the ridge, and everything south of Hwy 6 to the East (blue section next to the Elmgreen area was the first priority).
- The Open Space Commission had a strong position as these were county lands.
- Frank Young would continue to negotiate with the Freis on Greenway access across all their lands.
- The Greenway plan was in place. The next step was implementation. The Open Space Commission envisioned a Greenway Authority/Foundation being created to operate the Greenway project. In the meantime, the Open Space Commission would work on the route across the county. The Open Space Commission could not fund the Greenway as they could not leverage the funds for the entire Greenway.

The next steps with the Freis were that Lisa Vogel would meet with the Board of County Commissioners and present this information. Frank Young stated that the unpatented claim issue would be moving simultaneously with the Hwy 6 land discussion. She would keep the Open Space Commission apprised of her progress.

Martha Tableman reported that she and some Open Space Commissioners would be meeting with the Board of County Commissioners and County Attorney Robert Loeffler regarding new acquisitions, Block 83 in Georgetown, Whitewater Park, and the Philadelphia millsite. She added that she and Frank Young were working with County Attorney Robert Loeffler on Environmental Assessment transaction screens for possible acquisitions.

#### **New Business:**

**HGI Conservation Easements:** Frank Young made the following presentation:

HGI would hold easements for the Open Space Commission.

Frank Young had asked them to hold conservation easements on the Maggie & Morningstar claims. HGI had agreed but stated they needed to establish a fund to do annual monitoring of

these easements. HGI had quoted \$5000 per easement. Frank Young had talked to Director Dana Abrahamson about the Open Space Commission financial situation and that this price was too high. He suggested one price to cover all the easements, e.g. \$2000-\$8000. This would give HGI a fund to hold easements. HGI agreed to hold the conservation easements for the west and central end of Clear Creek County but they were concerned about easements on the east end of the county.

Frank Young had suggested that this fee for the easements held by HGI be a one-time fee. The HGI risk with the Open Space Commission was very low. Director Dana Abrahamson would discuss this proposal with her Board in January. Frank Young would attend this meeting. Fran Enright mentioned that MALT could hold conservation easements and they wanted a presence in Clear Creek County. Fran Enright suggested that minimal dollars be committed to HGI holding the conservation easements or consult with MALT.

**Old Business:**

**Geneva Basin:** Fran Enright reported that the Mile-Hi Jeep Club would attend the next Open Space Commission meeting and wanted to help in this area. Fran Enright stated that someone had cut the lock on the gate at the Geneva Basin property. Frank Young stated that there was a millsite adjacent to the Open Space Commission lands and he believed it to be owned by Phelps Dodge. He would work with Phelps Dodge to seek a donation of this millsite to the Open Space Commission. The commission members agreed. Fran Enright recommended Frank Young talking to the Pike Ranger District as well.

**Special Use Permits:** Martha Tableman would set up a discussion with Roy Beaton, Frank Young and Sue Howell to discuss their progress on these permits for other open space lands.

**Executive Session:** Hal Wahlborg motioned to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Sarah Donahue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Foreclosure Property:** Sue Howell made the motion to authorize Fran Enright and Roy Beaton to use an amount between \$150,000 and \$190,000 to negotiate the foreclosure property. Hal Wahlborg seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Sarah Donahue made the motion to authorize Fran Enright and Roy Beaton to use an amount between \$1000 and \$5000 for the smaller parcel adjacent to the foreclosure property. Hal Wahlborg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Update from the Board of County Commissioners Meeting:** Frank Young reported that this meeting was with the land use departments to improve understanding and the processes between departments. Many good suggestions were brought up and the outcome was a 3-person task force to work on this communication: Frederick Rollenhagen, Lisa Vogel, and Frank Young. This task force would begin working together in the new year. The Board of County Commissioners wanted to know of departmental disputes before the time of the public hearings.

**Approval of Bills:** Martha Tableman presented one bill for A Golden Stitch for the fleece vests totaling \$510. Fran Enright made the motion to pay this bill. Sarah Donahue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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Frank Young, Chairman

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Candy Decker, Secretary

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