

2008 CLEAR CREEK COUNTY OPEN SPACE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

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January 9, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on January 9, 2008 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District Building in Idaho Springs for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Martha Tableman, Marion Jennings, Hal Wahlborg, Roy Beaton, Candy Decker, Sue Howell, Frank Young, and resident Heather Ulrich. Absent from the meeting were Matt Sailor, Fran Enright, Sarah Donahue, and Pete Helseth.

Frank Young called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Approval of December 12, 2007 meeting minutes and the November 19, 2007 online meeting minutes: Roy Beaton made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Hal Wahlborg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements: Martha Tableman reported she was working with the Division of Wildlife on a Fishing is Fun grant application. A meeting would be held with Division of Wildlife personnel on January 16, 2008 to discuss the proposal.

Martha Tableman announced a meeting with the Frei family and County Lands Department on January 24, 2008 regarding the Greenway footprint and the CDOT right of way. The Freis wanted to give away mostly CDOT right of way. Sue Howell noted the city of Black Hawk was proposing four lanes for Hwy 6. Martha Tableman stated part of the Gaming EIS was to survey Hwy 6 up Clear Creek Canyon.

The group introduced themselves to resident Heather Ulrich and she gave background information on herself to the commission. Heather Ulrich did have some interest in joining the Open Space Commission.

Officer Reports: Candy Decker reported the Annual Report was complete. Candy Decker also reported the final report was complete for the Weed Management Grant on Beaver Brook Watershed.

Regarding Sue Howell's question on the Maggie/Morningstar claims, Martha Tableman stated it had not been resolved who owned the one claim, the Open Space Commission or the Forest Service.

There was no update on any potential Beaver Brook Watershed funding.

Frank Young discussed the Eclipse Snow Park land swap with the Forest Service and explained that US Congressman Udall's office had made some incorrect statements in their proposal of HR 4249.

New Business:

Colorado Division of Wildlife Fishing is Fun Grant: Martha Tableman reported the Division of Wildlife had \$900,000 for fishing improvements across the state. The commission believed either the Philadelphia or the Blue Hill sites would be best for this grant. The grant application was due at the end of February and ideas for improvements were stream work, restrooms, pavilion, etc.

DRCOG Technical Assistance Grant: Martha Tableman reported this grant award was \$5000 in size and required a \$5000 match. It could be used for mapping, plans, public opinion surveys, etc. This grant was due by March 1, 2008.

Berthoud Pass Wagon Road Project: Frank Young reported this project was to establish a hiking/biking trail from Empire to Winter Park. Carol Hunter was spearheading the project via her nonprofit organization – Partners for Access to the Woods (PAW). It traveled adjacent to Hwy 40 and its switchbacks were the opposite of Hwy 40. PAW would be applying for CDOT Enhancement Funding to complete this project. There were two small private claims, which needed an easement from the owners to complete the trail.

Leave of Absence: Candy Decker requested a leave of absence from March until late June and from mid-January to mid-February. Roy Beaton motions to accept Candy Decker's leave of absence. Sue Howell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Referral Requests: Martha Tableman presented referral requests from the Planning Department regarding upcoming cases. First was a Combination of Lots Agreement in the King Murphy area to reduce from 11 lots to 4 lots. The Open Space Commission agreed they had no conflicts. Second, was a subdivision in Crystal Ridge to divide 88.84 acres into 7 parcels off Nuthatch Road. EMERGE had approved the subdivision. The developers had spent 2 years in Water Court to resolve the water issue. The Open Space Commission agreed they had no conflict. Third was a rezoning from M-2 to M-1 on a claim off South Spring Gulch Road to build a home and access at a more suitable location on a combination of claims. The Open Space Commission agreed they had no conflict.

2008 Priorities for Open Space Commission Activities: Fran Enright had suggested the Open Space Commission begin with 3-4 priorities for the year. The commission listed the following items as possible priorities for 2008:

- Signage at Geneva Iron Fens via funding from Mile Hi Jeep Club and the Colorado Natural Areas program.
- Remove the building on the Blue Hill property.
- Fishing is Fun Grant for the Philadelphia Millsite.
- Continue work on the Greenway project.
- Obtain access through the new animal shelter site to the Blue Hill property.

- Decide which portions of the Beaver Brook Watershed to convey to the Forest Service when funding was received.
- Resolve the Chase Subdivision.
- Encourage and strengthen relationship with Friends of Beaver Brook Watershed.
- Obtain formal access to the Elmgreen property.
- Continue work with Freis and County Lands Department.
- Continue work on sheepkeep property – finish management plan.
- Compile a Fire Mitigation Plan for open space lands.
- Continue work on the Green Lake Project.
- Continue work on Whitewater Park.
- Print the Open Space Commission brochures.
- Continue PR work for the Open Space Commission.
- Begin trail to connect the Anna Claim with the Silverdale trail system.
- Rehab the Alvarado Fire area.
- Begin Friends of Clear Creek County Open Space.
- Implement a Greenway Foundation/Management group.

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

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| ➤ Reimburse Martha Tableman | \$467.35 | trail markers |
| ➤ Clear Creek County | \$107.91 | phone bill |
| ➤ Clear Creek County | \$0.11 | long distance bill |

Roy Beaton made the motion to approve and pay the bills. Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session to receive legal advice: Roy Beaton motioned to adjourn into Executive Session to receive legal advice regarding real estate matters as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned.

Frank Young, Vice Chair

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on February 13, 2008 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District Building in Idaho Springs for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Coordinator Martha Tableman, Marion Jennings, Sarah Donahue, Matt Sailor, Hal Wahlborg, Fran Enright, Roy Beaton, Sue Howell, Frank Young, and Clear Creek Metro Rec District representative Matt Robie. Absent from the meeting were Pete Helseth and Candy Decker.

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

Approval of January 2008 Meeting and Executive Session Minutes and December 2007 Executive Session Minutes: Hal Wahlborg made the motion to approve all the sets of minutes. Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Unscheduled Appearances: Matt Robie of Clear Creek Metro Rec District requested support from the Open Space Commission for a GOCO grant application for a playground on Floyd Hill called "Bound for a Playground." He requested a letter of support for the application, possible match funding, and/or professional/technical services which could be used as in-kind grant match. He was soliciting the Clear Creek School District, the Floyd Hill property owners, Clear Creek County, and the City of Idaho Springs. The playground would be placed on a GOCO funded property, which was owned by the Clear Creek Metro Rec District. The project total was \$60,000-\$100,000. Frank Young made the motion to write a letter of support for the GOCO application. Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Officer Elections: Sue Howell reminded everyone it was time to select officers for 2008. The commission unanimously voted to approve Fran Enright as the Chair, Frank Young as Vice Chair, Candy Decker as Secretary, and Matt Sailor as Treasurer of the Open Space Commission for 2008. Frank Young reminded everyone there was an amendment to the bylaws to have a 2-term, term limit on offices held unless an officer ran unopposed.

Philadelphia Millsite Concept Plan: Martha Tableman presented the following information on the Philadelphia Millsite Concept Plan:

- A trail along the creek would be proposed near the gate. This trail would loop around the facilities and lead back to the gate in case anyone needed ADA access to the facilities.
- There would be some ADA accesses to the creek under the Fishing is Fun grant application.
- A picnic shelter was proposed at the old foundation on the site.
- Restrooms were proposed on the back side of the property facing the interstate.
- On the far side at the old railroad bed, stairs were proposed to lead down from the frontage road.
- Parking areas would be available.
- Revegetation was proposed along the old road footprint to stop the erosion.
- Regarding parking for wheelchair access, Marion Jennings suggested surfacing for ease of ADA travel.
- Frank Young suggested having a bike rack in this area, as it was adjacent the Greenway footprint.

- Frank Young would ask the historical groups if they wanted to supply some information kiosks at this site.
- The adjacent property owner, Romine, was concerned about illegal parking in this area. He had piled boulders to prevent access to his property.
- Martha Tableman requested advice on the location of parking and a gate with wheelchair access.
- Sue Howell recommended the bike racks be located inside the gate.
- Fran Enright stated Marilyn Hogan wanted to assist the Open Space Commission with a project and she would solicit Marilyn for design of the Philadelphia Millsite. The Open Space Commission agreed.

Special Use Permit, Beaver Brook Watershed: Fran Enright explained this request was discussed via email. The request was for a memorial bench to be placed in the Beaver Brook Watershed for a person involved with the Triple Bypass Bicycle Race. It would take approximately half a day in the watershed to install and dedicate. There would be no cars in the watershed, about 50 people in attendance and 20 staff. Marion Jennings made the motion to approve the special use permit to place the memorial bench. Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Beaver Brook Watershed: Fran Enright made the following statements regarding what portions of the watershed to sell off with the government appropriation to the Forest Service:

- When this watershed was sold by Golden to the Forest Service and Clear Creek County, the original value by appraisal was done in 50 blocks of land.
- Last year, the Open Space Commission labeled the blocks they owned, 33 total.
- The appraisal had the lots divided into parcel of value A and parcel of value B.
- The acreages were figured and valued in the \$100,000's.
- GOCO loaned the Open Space Commission \$5.2 million. The Open Space Commission invested \$343,000 and MALT gave \$150,000 to purchase those portions of the watershed, which the Forest Service did not receive.
- During the last Congressional session, they approved \$984,000 for the Forest Service to purchase additional blocks of the watershed from the Open Space Commission.
- The question now was, which blocks did the Open Space Commission want to sell to the Forest Service.
- The Open Space Commission had a planned meeting with the Forest Service this coming Wednesday to discuss this issue.
- The Forest Service had a caveat to only purchase what was contiguous to them. The Forest Service would also not purchase any of the Chase Subdivision.
- The Open Space Commission was not held to the specific blocks of the appraisal but could sell portions of these blocks if they so desired.
- Matt Sailor noted the commission could end up selling portions of blocks and then getting stuck with parking lot and access issues. Fran Enright stated the Open Space Commission wanted to keep their lands contiguous as well.

- Frank Young suggested keeping the access on Hwy 103. Frank Young wanted an opinion from the Forest Service on whether additional funding may be available in the future for more allocations.
- Fran Enright suggested meeting with the Forest Service first and obtaining their ideas.
- Frank Young noted the appraisal value was set so the price did not change.
- Fran Enright noted that GOCO could not give or buy land for federal ownership.
- Fran Enright asked if the Open Space Commission or MALT or GOCO should be reimbursed for their investments first.
- Martha Tableman noted the Division of Wildlife stated they would build parking areas for the watershed if the Open Space Commission allowed hunting.
- Fran Enright stated GOCO should be reimbursed first. She would talk to John Swartout to see if he wanted immediate reimbursement.
- Martha Tableman, Fran Enright, Pete Helseth, and Matt Sailor would attend the meeting with the Forest Service this coming Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Friends of the Beaver Brook Watershed Update: Matt Sailor reported the Friends were gearing up for the spring and had their first meeting on February 28, 2008.

Correspondence: Martha Tableman distributed an annual report from the Historic District Public Lands Commission.

Approval of Bills: Martha Tableman presented the following bills for approval of payment:

- \$2.71 to Clear Creek County
- \$58.78 reimbursement to Martha Tableman for Blue Hill signs
- \$79.64 reimbursement to Martha Tableman for padlocks
- \$1110 to Alpine Printing for Greenway brochures

Sarah Donahue made the motion to approve the bills for payment as presented. Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session to receive legal advice: Fran Enright made the motion to adjourn into Executive Session to receive legal advice regarding real estate matters as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

February 21, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on February 21, 2008 for an online vote of the following matter. In attendance were Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman, Commissioners Roy Beaton, Fran Enright, Sue Howell, Candy Decker, Frank Young, Pete Helseth, and Marion Jennings. Absent from the online vote were Sarah Donahue, Hal Wahlborg, and Matt Sailor.

Consideration of approval of payment of McFeeder Realty, Appraisal and Management, for the appraisal of the Hanna/Emeson property: Fran Enright reported the commission was responsible for payment of the Hanna/Emeson property appraisal, which required two formal votes of the Open Space Commission. Fran Enright moved that the Open Space Commission approval payment of the McFeeder Realty, Appraisal & Management, for the Hanna/Emeson property for \$5900. Sue Howell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on February 22, 2008 for an online vote to consider the following matter. In attendance were Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman, Commissioners Roy Beaton, Fran Enright, Sue Howell, Frank Young, Hal Wahlborg, and Pete Helseth. Absent from the online vote were Sarah Donahue, Marion Jennings, Candy Decker, and Matt Sailor.

Second Consideration of approval of payment of McFeeder Realty, Appraisal and Management, for the appraisal of the Hanna/Emeson property: Fran Enright reported the commission was responsible for payment of the Hanna/Emeson property appraisal, which required two formal votes of the Open Space Commission. This was the second consideration and vote to approve the payment to the appraiser, McFeeder Realty. Fran Enright moved that the Open Space Commission approval payment of the McFeeder Realty, Appraisal & Management,

for the second vote of Hanna/Emeson property for \$5900. Sue Howell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on March 12, 2008 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District Building in Idaho Springs for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman, Open Space Commissioners Marion Jennings, Pete Helseth, Hal Wahlborg, Fran Enright, Sarah Donahue, Sue Howell, Frank Young, and Roy Beaton, interested applicant for the Open Space Commission vacancy Kristin Kahler, and resident Brant Wobig. Absent from the meeting were Commissioners Matt Sailor and Candy Decker.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Introductions: Kristin Kahler lives in Blue Valley Acres, has worked for the Forest Service for many years, taught environmental programs for 4H and the Forest Service, has background and degrees in forestry and science education, and works for the South Platte Ranger District. She needs to confirm with her supervisor there was no conflict of interest in her being a member of the Open Space Commission.

Approval of February 13, 2008 meeting minutes, February 13, 2008 Executive Session minutes, February 21, 2008 online minutes and February 22, 2008 online minutes: Marion Jennings made the motion to approve all the minutes. Hal Wahlborg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Former BLM Lands – Disposition of Two Parcels near the Whitewater Park: Martha Tableman presented the following info:

- The County Lands Department was working to handle these two parcels across from the Whitewater Park.

- The parcels were 9.67 acre and 13.39 acres, located on a steep hillside, both viewsheds, zoned M-2, and had severe wildfire hazard. Frank Young added these lands were where the Mile-High Jeep Club wanted to do some improvements.
- The management would be custodial and there was no possible camping.
- The county owned the land already so no Environmental Assessment was required.

Sue Howell made the motion to accept the parcels from the County Lands Department. Sarah Donahue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan: Frank Young reported the following information:

- The county was undergoing the writing and implementation of a community wildfire protection plan. They were holding several public meetings.
- They were classifying certain areas of the county as wildland urban interface (WUI) areas with the emphasis on Homeowners Associations.
- Some areas of the county had been overlooked as WUI areas, which were adjacent Forest Service lands, e.g., Bakerville, north Idaho Springs, etc.
- This plan was a requirement in order to apply for state and federal grants.
- Once this plan was complete, it could be applied to open space lands.
- This plan would not impose work on the Open Space Commission.
- Homeowners Associations and the municipalities could also apply for funding with this plan. Individual homeowners could also apply for funding for work on their lands.
- It was unsure if this funding could be used in spraying for beetles. Fran Enright requested a strong biology on tree regeneration prior to tree removal projects. Frank Young stated there were two groups in the county attempting to do beetle kill cleanup as a business.

Earth Day: Fran Enright reported the Earth Day Celebration would be on April 19, 2008 at Evergreen Lake House from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Open Space Commission would have a booth and needed an organizer to open the booth and update the displays. Marion Jennings agreed to be this person. She would set up the booth, update the displays and return later in the day to pick everything up.

Slacker Races: Race Director Beth Luther requested the Open Space Commission's permission to host the race in Clear Creek County to raise money for charity. Sue Howell made the motion to approve the Slacker Races 2008. Marion Jennings seconded and the motion seconded unanimously. Beth Luther requested a sponsorship of the race from the Open Space Commission of \$500. Sue Howell made the motion to sponsor the race for \$500. Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Beaver Brook Watershed: Martha Tableman asked the commission if they wanted to hire the Sheriff's office to patrol the Beaver Brook Watershed during the summer months again. It was important to note this summer would include the Democratic National Convention in Denver. Last year, the Open Space Commission paid the Sheriff's office \$5000 and the Lookout Mountain Water District contributed \$1000. Matt Sailor was approaching the Lookout Mountain Water District for half the security patrol bill this year. Sarah Donahue made the motion to

approve the contracting of the Sheriff's office for security patrol in the Beaver Brook Watershed. Sue Howell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Beaver Brook Watershed Kiosk: Pete Helseth reported one kiosk was falling apart. Martha Tableman would contact the kiosk maker for assistance. The notices in the kiosk needed to be of a different material as regular paper deteriorated too quickly. Frank Young suggested one commissioner responsible for these kiosks and their management.

Special Use Permits for all open space lands:

- Fran Enright stated the commission had a special use permit process for the Beaver Brook Watershed property but needed a process for the remaining open space lands.
- Martha Tableman reported the process would have to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners by Resolution.
- The activities approved on open space lands should be congruent with the Open Space Commission mission.
- Roy Beaton asked to ensure there were no Beaver Brook Watershed clauses in this process.
- The group discussed activities to allow on open space lands.
- A majority of the discussion focused on allowance of camping and campfire rings, and whether these activities could be prohibited. Kristen Kahler stated signage was very important in these situations.
- The group discussed prohibited activities such as the damaging or vandalizing of signs and fencing.
- The group discussed whether the open space lands should be managed as wilderness or use areas.
- As many of the open space lands were adjacent the Forest Service, it may be important to have similar regulations to the Forest Service.
- The group agreed to use the "leave no trace" verbiage in the permit policy.

Blue Hill Property: Fran Enright reported the Blue Hill property needed a manager at this time to handle the current issues and problems. Frank Young and Sarah Donahue agreed to work on this parcel's management.

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

- \$0.94 for long distance
- \$32.83 reimbursement to Martha Tableman for mileage to CDOT meeting
- \$2008 to Recreation Engineering and Planning for Whitewater Park planning

Roy Beaton requested delay of payment of the Recreation Engineering and Planning bill. Roy Beaton made the motion to approve payment of the bills excluding the Recreation Engineering and Planning bill. Sarah Donahue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session to receive legal advice: Fran Enright made the motion to adjourn into Executive Session to receive legal advice regarding real estate matters as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Geneva Iron Fen Discussion: Frank Young stated the commission do a field inspection to check the road closure barriers and signs installed during the fall of 2007. The construction of a stream flow diversion ditch was needed to route water away from the access road. The location was at the end of the gated access road where the road met the large limonite deposits. This ditch would need to be hand dug. It would be approximately 60-ft long, 4-ft wide, and 2-ft deep. The construction of a barrier fence was needed at the end of the gated access road to prevent vehicle damage to the limonite deposits and fens. Signs would need to be designed and installed explaining the fens and the Natural Area. It was suggested these items be presented to the Mile-High Jeep Club to request assistance in completion this summer.

The meeting adjourned.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on March 24, 2008 for an online vote to consider the following matter. In attendance were Martha Tableman, Sue Howell, Matt Sailor, Pete Helseth, Sarah Donahue, Frank Young, Marion Jennings, and Hal Wahlborg. Absent from the meeting were Candy Decker, Matt Sailor, Fran Enright, and Roy Beaton.

Consideration of approval of first vote for payment of the Recreation Engineering & Planning invoice: Martha Tableman presented the Recreation Engineering invoice for \$1520 for Whitewater Park design for a first vote to the Open Space Commission. Pete Helseth made the motion to pay the \$1520 to Recreation Engineering and Planning for Whitewater Park design. Sue Howell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on March 26, 2008 for an online vote to consider the following matter. In attendance were Martha Tableman, Fran Enright, Frank Young, Sue Howell, Matt Sailor, and Marion Jennings. Absent from the meeting were Hal Wahlborg, Candy Decker, Pete Helseth, Roy Beaton, and Sarah Donahue.

Consideration of approval of second vote for payment of the Recreation Engineering & Planning invoice: Martha Tableman presented the Recreation Engineering invoice for \$1520 for Whitewater Park design for a second vote to the Open Space Commission. Frank Young made the motion to approve the second vote for payment to Recreation Engineering & Planning. Matt Sailor seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2007

The Open Space Commission met on April 9, 2007 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District Building in Idaho Springs for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Fran Enright, Marion Jennings, Matt Sailor, Frank Young, Coordinator Martha Tableman, Planner II Trent Hyatt, Pete Helseth, Sue Howell, Roy Beaton, and potential member Kristin Kahler. Absent from the meeting were Candy Decker, Sarah Donahue, and Hal Wahlborg.

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

Approval of March 12, 2008 minutes and March 12, 2008 Executive Session minutes: Marion Jennings made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sue Howell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Crystal Ridge Subdivision: Pete Helseth and Marion Jennings reported this subdivision case was before the Planning Commission currently. There was no way for a trail agreement across the land so the Open Space Commission needed to consider cash in lieu of land proposal. The commission wanted the Board of County Commissioners to direct the funding to the Open Space Commission. The group discussed a different trail access option. Trent Hyatt advised the commission their decision might take longer than the Planning Commission decision so he recommended taking the cash. The dollars would be based on an appraisal of the land. The commission considered setting a deadline for the cash receipt such as upon the first building permit pulled. Martha Tableman would write the referral response to the Planning Department from the Open Space Commission.

Staff Reports:

Vice Chairman Frank Young: A family owning some mining claims near Silver Plume contacted Frank Young and they wanted to sell. They were unfamiliar with the Open Space Commission process of land purchasing. He would work with them as this was a key piece for the commission. Fran Enright recommended more research on the value of the property before too much time investment. Frank Young would send the family to work with an appraiser.

Treasurer Matt Sailor: Matt Sailor reported a budget had been sent to all members of the commission. Matt Sailor also encouraged the commission to reconsider the sales tax proposal for open space lands should the mine close.

Chairman Fran Enright: Fran Enright asked Martha Tableman to research the medical expense in the budget with regard to benefits paid. She wanted to ensure it was correct.

Beaver Brook Watershed Weed Efforts & Forest Service: Fran Enright reported the Friends of Beaver Brook Watershed were continuing their weed work at the watershed. Martha Tableman reported the weed assistant used in the past recommended spraying late spring in the watershed. She would obtain a schedule from him and share with the commission.

Fran Enright suggested the commission discuss the status of the Forest Service conveyance at next month's meeting.

Bike Trails: Sue Howell reported from the CCBAT meeting she attended which Bert Weaver headed. She expressed concern for the role of the commission in the CCBAT meetings. The CCBAT group was redoing the trail from Kermitts to Hidden Valley as well as applying for grant funding to pave the Bakerville to Loveland Trail. Sue Howell was uncomfortable participating in this committee without knowing the final big picture. Fran Enright suggested standing behind the Greenway plan as it included design guidelines. Martha Tableman reported the surface of the trails/paths would be contentious throughout the Greenway footprint.

Alps Mountain Zoning: Frank Young reported the Planning Department was proceeding with township zonings moving west. They wanted to include the Alps Mountain area in this group. Frank Young would attend the meetings and track the progress of the township zonings.

Arrastra Fence: Martha Tableman organized trustees to assist with repairing the fence along the arrastra site. She would order materials and set up a date in May or June. The commission wanted to protect the meadow. Fran Enright suggested a planning grant for an interpretive center.

Earth Day: Marion Jennings reported the storyboards for Earth Day were in progress and everything would be laminated. She would set up the booth at the Evergreen Lake House and clean it up. Fran Enright reported Open Space Commission members would rotate in to man the booth all day.

Bills for Approval: Martha Tableman presented the following bills for approval of payment:

- FedEx (Fishing is Fun Grant) \$15.70
- Clear Creek County long distance \$0.94
- Clear Creek County equipment \$0.70
- Clear Creek County Road and Bridge weed books \$70.00

Frank Young made the motion to approve the bills for payment as presented. Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session to receive legal advice: Fran Enright motioned to adjourn into Executive Session to receive legal advice regarding real estate matters as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

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OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on May 14, 2008 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District Building in Idaho Springs for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Martha Tableman, Fran Enright, Hal Wahlborg, Roy Beaton, Sue Howell, Pete Helseth, Special Projects Division Director Lisa Vogel, Frank Young, Marion Jennings, and Sarah Donahue. Absent from the meeting were Matt Sailor, Candy Decker and Kristin Kahler.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Unscheduled Appearances: The commission recognized Beth Luther for receiving the 2007 Lyle Wohlens Law Enforcement Citizen of the Year Award.

Approval of April 9, 2008 minutes: Roy Beaton made the motion to approve the April 9, 2008 minutes with minor changes. Marion Jennings seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Officer Reports: Frank Young reported some landowners were considering donating land near Georgetown to the Open Space Commission. Frank Young would hike the claims and determine their value this summer.

Martha Tableman reported the Planning Commission hearing for the Whitewater Park would be held next week on April 16, 2008 at the Idaho Springs City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Special Projects Division Director Lisa Vogel attended the meeting to update the commission and gain comments regarding the county lands adjacent to the Frei property. She made the following statements:

- She had begun the process of negotiation with the Frei family.
- The Freis had hired a land planner and were looking at conservation easements.
- She was preparing a draft Memorandum of Understanding stating what appraisals they or the county would finance.
- She asked the Open Space Commission for comments and desires with regard to the land.
- The Freis wanted the county reservoir site known as Lower Johnson Gulch as well as the reservoir rights.
- The Freis wanted the county land adjacent to their property, north of US Hwy 6.
- The county would not sell the right of way areas along US Hwy 6.
- The Freis wanted additional lands for a conservation easement and these lands were located north and south of US Hwy 6.
- Since the county had obtained Green Lake Reservoir, Bert Weaver was agreeable to selling the Freis the Lower Johnson Gulch reservoir site.
- The Freis wanted to relocate the Silver Plume Logworks to another area of their property and needed the county land to do so.
- The Freis needed more water for the quarry so they would construct the reservoir if they obtained the land.

- The first Memorandum of Understanding with the Frei family would be for appraisal costs only. There would be many steps to this process.
- The Freis wanted a multi year conservation easement.
- The understanding of the Freis was they would obtain the land and then convey the easement.
- Lisa Vogel suggested a reverter clause in case the appraisal came back negatively.

The Open Space Commission made the following comments:

- Frank Young stated the commission wanted ownership of the trail and not just an easement.
- Martha Tableman stated MALT had a theory on phasing a conservation easement which was it had to have an ecological benefit.
- Frank Young recommended the county not transfer the county lands to Frei inside the oxbow area. Roy Beaton agreed stating the commission wanted the outer boundary of the oxbow and the creek bed.
- Martha Tableman reported CDOT would be surveying US Hwy 6 this summer.
- Sue Howell was concerned on any restrictions the Freis may impose on their conservation easement, e.g. limits on fishing, etc.

Lisa Vogel would keep the commission updated on the negotiations.

Beaver Brook Watershed

Forest Service Transfer: Fran Enright explained the three alternatives presented to the Forest Service from the commission to be considered for the purchase given the recent allocation. Alternative #1 included the land surrounding the reservoir and the Hwy 103 trailhead. Alternative #2 included the southwest portion of the watershed and reservoir but excluded the Hwy 103 trailhead. Alternative #3 included the western portion of the watershed and the southwestern portion of the reservoir but excluded the Hwy 103 trailhead.

Fran Enright reported the Forest Service did not want Alternative #1 as they didn't have the funds to manage the Hwy 103 trailhead. They preferred a variation of Alternative #2 which included the entrance of the reservoir and north. The commission accepted this proposal. The commission shared the following comments:

- County Attorney Bob Loeffler had suggested if the commission was still incurring all the costs of management, then why sell anything.
- Roy Beaton stated the obligation to GOCO was to sell what they could to the Forest Service.
- Fran Enright stated if the commission didn't sell, it would hinder the remainder of the land.
- The ranger district believed that since the land was now protected, it was no longer a priority. Dan Lovato suggested a meeting of all the stakeholders to consider pursuit of further funding and purchase by the Forest Service.
- The time to sell the lands to the Forest Service had passed per the GOCO timeline.
- The Forest Service would not do a management plan on the watershed until the acquisitions were complete.

- The commission considered a land trade instead of a sale but GOCO would not allow as they could not donate land to the feds.
- Pete Helseth wanted to avoid a criss-cross of land ownership in the watershed between the Forest Service and the Open Space Commission.
- Marion Jennings stated there would be noticeable changes in the Forest Service management due to their budget cuts.
- The challenge with the Forest Service proposal was the Open Space Commission still had to manage the Hwy 103 trailhead.
- The commission agreed to do the appraisal and the transfer had to be complete by September 2008.

Old Business:

Bylaws & decision making process: Fran Enright clarified the commission only needed 2 votes to spend more than \$1000. At the next meeting, she asked to discuss monies and voting online per the bylaws Section 4.

Whitewater Park:

Electricity: Pete Helseth reported the vaulted toilet would operate on passive solar but it included an optional fan and lighted entrance, which may require electric. Power may also be needed for special events at the Whitewater Park. Georgetown had installed photovoltaic lights for their public restrooms. The commission supported powering the restroom by solar and not incurring electric bills.

Fishing is Fun Grant—PowerPoint Presentation: Martha Tableman and Marion Jennings replayed their PowerPoint presentation of the Fishing is Fun Grant Application for the commission explaining the grant requirements, the subject property – Philadelphia Millsite, the goals of the project, the proposed budget, the historic railroad grade, the old foundation on the subject property, the CDOT right of way area, and the subject property boundaries.

Correspondence: Sarah Donahue shared photos of the April Earth Day Event at Evergreen Lake.

Executive Session to receive legal advice: Fran Enright made the motion to adjourn into Executive Session to receive legal advice regarding real estate matters as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2008

ONLINE VOTE

The Open Space Commission met on May 20, 2008 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District Building in Idaho Springs for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Martha Tableman, Pete Helseth, Frank Young, Sue Howell, Matt Sailor, Fran Enright, Marion Jennings, Hal Wahlborg, and Roy Beaton. Absent from the discussion were Sarah Donahue, Candy Decker, and Kristin Kahler.

Consideration of approval of pursuit of purchase of the Elmgreen Meadow on Floyd Hill:

Following a meeting with the Elmgreen family and an offer by them that the Open Space Commission purchase the meadow, Pete Helseth made the motion to pursue purchase of the Elmgreen meadow property on Floyd Hill. Frank Young seconded. The motion passed with Pete Helseth, Frank Young, Sue Howell, Matt Sailor, Fran Enright, Marion Jennings and Roy Beaton being in favor and Hal Wahlborg being opposed.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2008

ONLINE VOTE

The Open Space Commission met on May 21, 2008 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District Building in Idaho Springs for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Martha Tableman, Fran Enright, Frank Young, Pete Helseth, Roy Beaton, and Matt Sailor. Absent from the discussion vote was Candy Decker, Hal Wahlborg, Kristin Kahler, Marion Jennings, Sarah Donahue, and Sue Howell.

Consideration of approval of a November ballot initiative increasing g the sales tax revenue by 0.5% in Clear Creek County dedicated to the Open Space Commission program: Fran Enright, Frank Young, Sue Howell, and Martha Tableman met with the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) to discuss the potential for a ballot issue in November of a 0.5% sales tax designated for open space. TPL offered technical support for such a ballot issue. There would be a feasibility study and a voter survey. The cost would run between \$14,000 and \$18,000. Two years ago, the commission did this and had funding assistance from the Boettcher Foundation to pay for these costs. If the results of the survey were positive, TPL recommended going forward with the ballot issue. The commission did have the support of the County Commissioners. The 0.5% sales tax would generate approximately \$400,000 in revenue. They suggested the funding not be earmarked so it could be used to mitigate management/maintenance fees of open space lands. Fran Enright made the motion to collaborate with TPL to propose a November ballot initiative increasing the sales tax revenue by 0.5% in Clear Creek County dedicated to the Open Space Commission program. Pete Helseth seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on June 18, 2008 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District Building in Idaho Springs for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Martha Tableman, Fran Enright, Sue Howell, Frank Young, Pete Helseth, Marion Jennings, Sarah Donahue, and Kristin Kahler. Absent from the meeting were Roy Beaton, Hal Wahlborg, Matt Sailor, and Candy Decker.

Consideration of approval of May 14, 2008 meeting minutes and Executive Session

minutes: Pete Helseth made the motion to approve the minutes of May 14, 2008. Frank Young seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Staff/Officer Reports: Email updates were presented by Martha Tableman and Frank Young.

Sales Tax Ballot Initiative: The commission was considering a ½% sales tax ballot initiative in the coming election. SB 98 in 2007 exempted counties from limits on sales tax. The commission had attempted a mil levy increase in 2006 and lost. Fran Enright presented to the

Board of County Commissioners and they contributed \$5000 for a public opinion survey with TPL to see if a ballot initiative may pass. Commissioner O'Malley and Commissioner Dale were in approval of the ballot initiative but Commissioner Drury was not. Concerns on the issue were the current economy, anti-tax sentiment, and fear of a second loss for the commission at the ballot. There were questions on return and distribution regarding sales tax which needed to be answered. Other concerns were the feedback from the west end of the county, being concise in ballot language, impacts on businesses, and funding from the Citizens for Open Space. Fran Enright made the motion to approve pursuing the ½% sales tax ballot initiative. Pete Helseth seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The second vote would be done online. Pete Helseth had a possible college intern to assist with the marketing of the ballot initiative. The commission agreed to fund the intern's mileage and costs associated with the project. Fran Enright would head the project until the survey was done and then Marion Jennings would direct the initiative from there to endure positive support.

Identification of projects for summer 2008:

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
Arrastra	Increased signage, road widened, fence moved
Blue Hill	Gate maintenance adjacent animal shelter; label allowable uses; management plan
Geneva Basin	Check installed fencing;
Alps Mountain	Boundary posting
Beaver Brook Canyon Road	Boundary posting
Chase Subdivision	Reconciliation
Philadelphia Millsite	Clean up of foundation; fill with gravel

Consideration of approval of funding request for new printer in Commission office:

Martha Tableman researched a color printer for the office at a cost of \$3000. Other offices would contribute to this price. Sarah Donahue made the motion to approve spending up to 1/3 the cost of the printer to be shared with County Lands and Community Development. Frank Young seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Baines Donation: The commission was being offered four mining claims from the Baines family. One claim was above Georgetown adjacent the sheepkeep lands and three were up Fall River Road. Frank Young made the motion to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to accept all four claims as open space. Sue Howell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bylaws: This discussion was postponed until Roy Beaton returned from Washington.

Approval of Bills for Payment: Frank Young made the motion to pay the bills as presented. Kristin Kahler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session to receive legal advice: Sue Howell made the motion to adjourn into Executive Session to receive legal advice as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Sarah Donahue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2008

ONLINE VOTE

The Open Space Commission met on June 19, 2008 via an online vote to consider the following matter. In attendance were Pete Helseth, Sue Howell, Fran Enright, Kristin Kahler, Marion Jennings, Martha Tableman, Frank Young, Candy Decker, Sarah Donahue, and Matt Sailor. Absent from the vote were Roy Beaton, and Hal Wahlborg.

Consideration of approval of funding request to survey the public opinion on a 1/2% sale tax ballot initiative: Pete Helseth stated the survey would cost \$15,000. TPL and the Board of County Commissioners would pay \$5000 each. The commission would make up the last \$5000. Pete Helseth made the motion to approve the funding request of \$5000 to survey public opinion on the sales tax initiative. Sue Howell seconded and the motion passed unanimously. This consideration would require a second vote given the dollar amount.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2008

ONLINE VOTE

The Open Space Commission met on June 23, 2008 via an online vote to consider the following matter. In attendance were Pete Helseth, Sarah Donahue, Matt Sailor, Sue Howell, Frank Young, Martha Tableman, Fran Enright, Kristin Kahler, Candy Decker, and Hal Wahlborg. Absent from the vote were Roy Beaton, and Marion Jennings.

Consideration of approval of installation of a culvert at the Beaver Brook Watershed at Pat Creek by Renaud Excavating: Pete Helseth presented stating the price would cover the hauling of a backhoe to/from the end of Beaver Brook Canyon Road to where the work would occur. Renaud would dig a trench, install a 15” pipe, and refill. A stock piece of culvert, 20’ long, would be angled across this 14’ roadway. Any excess dirt would be graded into the road. The price included an operator and a laborer. Pete Helseth would oversee the work. Pete Helseth made the motion to appropriate \$2300 to accomplish this contract with Renaud Excavating. Fran Enright seconded and the motion passed unanimously. This consideration would require two formal votes by the Open Space Commission due to the dollar amount.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2008

ONLINE VOTE

The Open Space Commission met on June 24, 2008 via an online vote to consider the following matter. In attendance were Pete Helseth, Sue Howell, Martha Tableman, Matt Sailor, Sarah Donahue, Fran Enright, Hal Wahlborg, Candy Decker, and Frank Young. Absent from the vote were Marion Jennings, Roy Beaton, and Kristin Kahler.

Consideration of approval of second vote for funding for Renaud Excavating to install the culvert at the Beaver Brook Watershed at Pat Creek: Pete Helseth made the motion to

approve the second vote to fund the culvert work in the watershed at Pat Creek. Sue Howell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on July 9, 2007 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District Building in Idaho Springs for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman, Fran Enright, Candy Decker, Pete Helseth, Mary Anna McOwen, Charlie Meeks, Frank Young, Sarah Donahue, Clear Creek Metro Rec District Director Matt Robie, and Clear Creek Metro Rec District Maintenance Operator John Gamble. Absent from the meeting were Roy Beaton, Hal Wahlborg, Sue Howell, Kristin Kahler, Marion Jennings, and Matt Sailor.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Consideration of approval of the June 11, 2008 and June 11, 2008 Executive Session meeting minutes: Frank Young made the motion to approve the June 11th and Executive Session meeting minutes. Sarah Donahue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Officer Reports: Frank Young reported the sheep habitat management plan with the Division of Wildlife was progressing and the framework was complete. He would continue to participate.

Whitewater Park Trash Disposal: Pete Helseth reported bear proof trash cans were being ordered and he suggested one for recyclables. Clear Creek Metro Rec District would haul the trash to their dumpster and Pete Helseth asked the district about recyclables. Matt Robie replied the district wanted to assist with the trash hauling but the recyclables were time consuming. John Gamble added to separate the recyclables and then haul to the transfer station was more time than he had in his work week. John Gamble was the district's only maintenance operator. Several members of the group discussed challenges with recycling and the time involved. Fran Enright suggested a second dumpster at the rec district and ask the transfer station staff to separate it. Pete Helseth agreed to approach them as well as Clear Creek School District about student assistance. Matt Robie reported the rec district would pick up trash twice a week in the

summer and once a week in the winter. He stated the rec district was also purchasing bear proof trash cans and they should order together to save money.

Open Space Commission Intern: Pete Helseth introduced Mary Anna McOwen. She was a first year graduate student at DU, and had worked with nonprofits in Denver on persuasive messaging. She had not worked on a ballot initiative in the past. She had a Bachelors Degree in Political Science and was interested in political communications. She had researched the commission's website. She suggested the commission respond to any open space comments in the Vox Pop section of the Clear Creek Courant. She asked about the commission's press history. Fran Enright stated the Friends of Open Space would compensate Mary Anna for her work. The Open Space Commission desired positive press in the newspaper to raise their profile. The group discussed certain properties Mary Anna could write about. The commission discussed the potential ballot issue and how Mary Anna could assist with this too. Martha Tableman agreed to work with Mary Anna and get her the needed information. Mary Anna McOwen suggested the commission do a SWOT study----strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. It would help her understand the organization's position. She also requested background on current Open Space Commission grants. Martha Tableman suggested updating the website as well.

Democratic Event in Idaho Springs: Fran Enright stated the event was Saturday from noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Courtney-Cooper-Riley Park in Idaho Springs. The commission was invited to this event and they could use the same promotional items as used with Earth Day. Sarah Donahue would attend the event to represent the commission.

Beaver Brook Watershed Fence Project at Witter Gulch: Fran Enright reported the fence project date was Sunday, August 3, 2008 with the Forest Service to install a buck/rail fence. They were looking for help to publicize the event and attract volunteers. Fran Enright and Candy Decker would work on this project.

Gaming & 119 EIS: Martha Tableman was working with Jo Ann Sorensen on this project and any progress.

Culvert at the Beaver Brook Watershed: Pete Helseth stated this project could occur next week. The Ardelts had an excavator lined up. He presented the contract with Renaud.

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

- Recreation Engineer and Planning \$3528.50
- County Telephone Service \$45.00
- Idaho Springs Lumber \$2.39
- Zuni Sign for watershed \$260+

Candy Decker made the motion to approve and pay the bills. Sarah Donahue seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Following the vote, Pete Helseth stated the Whitewater Park billings should decrease.

Executive Session to receive legal advice: Fran Enright made the motion to adjourn into Executive Session to receive legal advice regarding real estate matters as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2008

ONLINE VOTE

The Open Space Commission met on July 22, 2008 via online vote to consider the following matter. In attendance were Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman, Frank Young, Sue Howell, Pete Helseth, Kristin Kahler, Marion Jennings, and Candy Decker. Absent from the consideration were Fran Enright, Hal Wahlborg, Roy Beaton, Sarah Donahue, and Matt Sailor.

Consideration of approval of funding earmark of \$2500 for the first year of a county-wide recycling pilot program: Pete Helseth suggested the Open Space Commission pursue a county-wide recycling pilot program. The funding would support a part time person, the use of a vehicle, and perhaps to building a small containment area at the Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation District. Recyclables from ballparks, open space parks, and the Rec Center itself could be transported to the Rec Center small containment, then transported to the County Transfer Station where it could be sorted. Pete Helseth volunteered some time to coordinate this program at the start-up. Pete Helseth made the motion to earmark \$2500 for the first year of this program, provided the Board of County Commissioners matched this money. Frank Young seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on August 13, 2008 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District Building in Idaho Springs for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman, Fran Enright, Candy Decker, Sue Howell, Matt Sailor, Sarah Donahue, Frank Young, Pete Helseth, Kristin Kahler, and Hal Wahlborg. Absent from the meeting were Roy Beaton and Marion Jennings.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Consideration of approval of July 9, 2008 meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes, and July 22, 2008 online minutes: Candy Decker made the motion to approve the three sets of minutes as presented. Sarah Donahue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Officer Reports: Sue Howell and Frank Young attended the 2008 Nonprofit Luncheon provided by the Board of County Commissioners. Sue Howell would have wanted to see the Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission in attendance. Frank Young reported agency information was shared and there were some county agencies in attendance.

Fran Enright thanked the volunteers for the fence work on the Beaver Brook Watershed entrance: Mat Sailor, Frank Young, Marion Jennings, Sue Howell, and Martha Tableman. They completed 260' of buck/pole fence and pulled two bags of noxious weeds.

Frank Young presented signs ordered by the HDPLC for their trails. He would update the commission on the abuses the signs took. These signs would be used on the trails at Silverdale, the 730 trail, and the Silver Creek Trail.

Matt Sailor reported the commission budget was due to Chief Accountant Carl Small by September 5th. He would email a draft to all commission members.

Fran Enright presented a Certificate of Designation for the Clear Creek Natural Area at Geneva Basin.

Philadelphia Millsite Design Work: Martha Tableman stated even though they did not receive the Fishing is Fun grant award, the Division of Wildlife encouraged them to reapply and include more design work on the Philadelphia Millsite. She asked the commission to approve her soliciting the Mountain Design Group to have them create some design work. She would then revise the budget and include it in a new presentation. Frank Young expressed concern with

investing dollars in open space lands. The commission was not responsible for developing recreational projects on their lands. If the commission pushed for more development on their lands it would cost them more in maintenance. He was not opposed to reapplying for this grant. He knew the lands along the creeks would require more work as they were used more. The group discussed the possible cost of the design work. Pete Helseth reminded everyone this parcel was a node along the Greenway footprint and the design would be worth the investment. Frank Young stated the PAW's group could provide input on the ADA accommodation of the site. Pete Helseth suggested obtaining a quote from Mountain Design Group first and then vote to decide whether to pursue.

Stewardship Program: Fran Enright reported the commission had stewards for certain properties, e.g. arrastra, Iron Fens, Silver Creek/Spring Creek Road, etc. She recommended more stewards on the ground to walk the properties and watch over them. She suggested advertising for stewards. The group discussed parcels to seek stewards such as the Elmgreen Meadow, the Waldorf claims, Philadelphia Millsite, Alps Mountain, Pat Creek/Saddleback, Squaw Pass accesses to the Beaverbrook Watershed etc. The purpose was to have someone or a group walking the property weekly or monthly to inspect the property and provide any maintenance. Frank Young suggested a task force of three members to make recommendations on parcels for stewardship. The group agreed on Candy Decker, Marion Jennings, Fran Enright, Frank Young, and Martha Tableman.

Public Education Campaign: Martha Tableman reported, following the cancellation of the sales tax initiative and the meeting with intern Mary Anna McOwen, she suggested a first year graduate student to assist the commission with a public education campaign. Fran Enright suggested writing to Mary Anna to see if she would still be interested in participating. The group discussed articles for public education such as property inventory, stewardship program, and updating the current commission website.

Geneva Basin: Fran Enright stated Dave Bathke led a Colorado Native Plant Society trip last weekend. She reported the people from the Wildland Restoration Volunteers were a granting agency and wanted the commission to write a grant for the Geneva Basin area. The project may be a basin wide planning project which would include controlling road traffic in the wetlands. This group of volunteers was a solid professional group with many scientists on their board. They will consider private lands adjacent the county open space. Fran Enright would continue to work with the Colorado Natural Areas and the Wildland Restoration Volunteers.

Greenway in Georgetown: Hal Wahlborg reported on the lakefront development at Georgetown Lake. Initially the developer proposed a Greenway along the water and has since dropped this idea. Luckily, the town Boards caught this and suggested the developer work with the Open Space Commission on doing this Greenway along the water. Fran Enright stated a conservation easement was needed prior to committing dollars. Sue Howell suggested a partnership agreement with the Town. Hal Wahlborg would continue to work with the Town.

Bylaws: Fran Enright reported Roy Beaton was working on the amendment to the bylaws and he would update the commission at a later date.

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

- Renaud Excavating \$1900.86
- Central Clear Creek Sanitation District \$177.32
- Central Clear Creek Sanitation District finance charge \$10.00
- Clear Creek Solid Waste \$32.00
- Reimburse Martha Tableman for mail fees \$8.49
- Reimburse Fran Enright for food expense at fence building \$12.51
- Mountain Design Group \$1455.00
- Foothills Vegetation Management for weed spraying \$1238.29

Martha Tableman would attempt to get the Central Clear Creek Sanitation District finance charge waived. Fran Enright asked Martha Tableman to talk with Central Clear Creek Sanitation District about the future of the sewer taps, whether it was good to keep, sell, or go inactive. Candy Decker made the motion to approve the bills as presented. Sarah Donahue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session to receive legal advice: Fran Enright made the motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Sue Howell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Open Space Commission came out of Executive Session at 9:40p.m.

Consideration of approval of funding request for appraisal of property on Floyd Hill: Matt Sailor made a motion that an appraisal be done for the property on Floyd Hill with a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Frank Young seconded the motion. Fran Enright opened the floor for discussion. One issue raised was being sure that the appraiser used was one who had been used by Great Outdoors Colorado before as this would make interactions with GOCO easier. It was also noted that if the cost was higher than \$10,000, the question would come back to the Open Space Commission. Discussion also reviewed the bylaw issues related to approving financial transactions and online voting. That portion of the discussion concluded with a reiteration of the need to review and update the bylaws. Discussion on the motion was concluded and a vote was called. The motion passed.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

August 28, 2008

ONLINE VOTE

The Open Space Commission met on August 28, 2008 via an online vote to consider the following matter. In attendance were Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman, Fran Enright, Candy Decker, Sue Howell, Matt Sailor, Sarah Donahue, Frank Young, Kristin Kahler, and Hal Wahlborg. Absent from the meeting were Roy Beaton, Pete Helseth, and Marion Jennings.

Consideration of approval of funding request for portable toilet during the Witter Gulch fence building: Martha Tableman presented the invoice from Shirley Septic Pumping Inc., for \$120 for the portable toilet which was rented during the fence building at the Witter Gulch entrance of the Beaver Brook Watershed. Fran Enright made the motion to pay the fee of \$120 to Shirley Septic Pumping Inc. Kristin Kahler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on September 10, 2008 at the Clear Creek Ranger District Building in Idaho Springs for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Pete Helseth, Matt Sailor, Fran Enright, Hal Wahlborg, Marion Jennings, Roy Beaton, Kristin Kahler, Candy Decker, Sue Howell, Frank Young, Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman and former Open Space Commissioner Amy Karshbaum. Absent from the meeting was Sarah Donahue.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Consideration of approval of August 13, 2008, August 13, 2008 Executive Session, and August 28, 2008 online meeting minutes: Candy Decker made the motion to approve the minutes presented with some minor corrections to the regular August 13, 2008 meeting minutes. Matt Sailor seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Unscheduled Appearances: Amy Karshbaum stated she was interested in the Open Space Commission Stewardship program to oversee certain properties for the commission.

Officer Reports: Candy Decker reported she was working on the Annual Report for 2008.

Matt Sailor discussed the budget for the 2009 Open Space Commission which he submitted to Chief Accountant Carl Small. The commission had more acquisition funds than ever however; they would be \$13,000 short in operations at the end of 2008. This funding would come from the Operating Contingency fund. At the rate they were borrowing from the Operating Contingency fund, they could continue at this current rate for another 4-5 years. The commission needed to consider billing some of Martha Tableman's time to the acquisition line item. Matt Sailor would send an updated budget to the commission at a later date.

New Business:

Weeds: Sue Howell and Pete Helseth pulled weeds at the Philadelphia Millsite. The clematis was terrible. They found it growing some 14-ft into the trees. There was also knapweed found at this site. Regarding the Blue Hill site, there were many thistle plants found at this site. Clematis was found at the Whitewater Park on the creek banks. The county was spraying but it would take a combined effort. Hal Wahlborg stated Georgetown was spraying as well. Fran Enright reported the Friends of Mount Evans had a weed grant they could not spend so she offered to spend it for them on open space properties at the Beaver Brook Watershed.

Beaver Brook Watershed Easement: Martha Tableman reported she was working with the Forest Service on an access easement across Forest Service and open space lands to prepare for the transfer of a portion of the watershed to the Forest Service.

Office Procedures – digitizing files: Martha Tableman needed to digitize the commission's files on the Geneva Basin properties so they could be emailed for various projects. Pete Helseth suggested password access for commission members so they could access the digitized files. Frank Young suggested files for each parcel the commission owned. Marion Jennings stated this assisted with grant applications. Martha Tableman would work with Information Technology to devise a system.

Beaver Brook Watershed Site Visit: Martha Tableman suggested a site visit with County Attorney Robert Loeffler and County Administrator Selby Myers to show them the watershed property. She would arrange a date for a site visit.

Greenway: Sue Howell participated on the Clear Creek Bicycle Advocacy Team (CCBAT) which consisted of several county agencies and cycling clubs/groups. Her update included discussion of a cycling event from Golden to Bakerville with 2 stages: 1) competitive and 2) citizen ride. The CCBAT group also discussed the paving of the bike path adjacent the Clear Creek Ranger District Building which connected to the Dorothy Dieckman Bridge on the west end of Idaho Springs. The paving of this path would avoid much cycling and traffic congestion on Colorado Boulevard. The CCBAT group could be the beginning of a Greenway Foundation for Clear Creek County. The next CCBAT meeting would be September 29, 2008.

Old Business:

Bench in Beaver Brook Watershed: Pete Helseth reported he and some neighbors found the bench per a phone call and directions from someone who found it. It required an ATV and trailer to relocate it. Pete Helseth suggested a concrete slab next spring to secure the bench in place. The group agreed.

Blue Hill Property: Sue Howell reported someone had been cutting branches on the Blue Hill property and some folks were seen hauling away the dead trees. She suggested approaching these people as land stewards for this property.

Geneva Basin Iron Fen Grant: Fran Enright had meetings this weekend with the Colorado Natural Areas group. They were doing seed collecting. They would provide the commission with a stewardship report from the fen and photographs. Frank Young suggested the idea of trading the fen property to the Forest Service for other parcels of Forest Service land which could be beneficial to the commission. Fran Enright questioned the management of land by two different agencies. The Open Space Commission presence was pressure to the Forest Service to provide better management. Fran Enright wanted a basin wide management plan for this area.

Management Projects to do before Winter: Fran Enright called for project which must be finished prior to the winter months. Frank Young suggested a site visit to the Alps Mountain cabin, sign the boundaries of the Alps Mountain parcel, sign the Beaver Brook Watershed with the hunting rules, do a trash pickup day at Philadelphia millsite, and sign the Blue Hill parcel. Sue Howell suggested the visit to the cabin at Alps Mountain be Saturday, September 27, 2008, meeting at the Forest Service office at 10:00 a.m. All attendees should bring a potluck item.

Correspondence: Martha Tableman presented a notice of BLM reorganization. Frank Young reported this happened every 10 years. Clear Creek County was now a part of the Front Range District of the BLM.

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

- Clear Creek County phone \$1.30
- FedEx \$13.12

Roy Beaton made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session to receive legal advice: Fran Enright made the motion to adjourn into Executive Session regarding real estate matters as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on September 15, 2008 via an Online Vote to consider the following matter. In attendance were Pete Helseth, Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman, Fran Enright, Frank Young, Sarah Donahue, Candy Decker, Roy Beaton, Matt Sailor, Sue Howell, and Kristin Kahler. Absent from the meeting were Marion Jennings and Hal Wahlborg.

Consideration of approval of final design invoice #4 from Recreation Engineering and Planning for \$2480: Martha Tableman presented an invoice for the Whitewater Park design from Recreation Engineering and Planning. It was labeled final design invoice #4 for \$2480. Pete Helseth motioned to pay this \$2480 to Recreation Engineering and Planning. Fran Enright seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on September 16, 2008 via an Online Vote to consider the following matter. In attendance were Pete Helseth, Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman, Fran Enright, Frank Young, Sarah Donahue, Sue Howell, and Candy Decker. Absent from the meeting were Marion Jennings, Roy Beaton, Matt Sailor, Kristin Kahler, and Hal Wahlborg.

Consideration of approval of \$2500 site plan for the Philadelphia Millsite for the Fishing is Fun Grant application: Pete Helseth met with the Mountain Design Group to discuss a preliminary site plan layout for the Fishing is Fun Grant application for the Philadelphia Millsite. The Mountain Design Group quoted a fee of \$2500 for this preliminary plan. Pete Helseth made the motion to contract with Mountain Design Group for not more than \$3000 for a preliminary site plan for the Philadelphia Millsite. Sarah Donahue seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on September 30, 2008 via an Online Vote to consider the following matter. In attendance were Pete Helseth, Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman, Candy Decker, Frank Young, Sue Howell, Hal Wahlborg, Marion Jennings, and Fran Enright. Absent from the meeting were Kristin Kahler, Roy Beaton, Sarah Donahue, and Matt Sailor.

Consideration of approval of joining the Colorado Association for Recycling at \$150: Pete Helseth reported the Open Space Commission could become a member of the Colorado Association for Recycling for \$150. This membership was used as criteria for applying for grant applications. Pete Helseth motioned to approve the joining of the Colorado Association of Recycling for \$150. Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on October 8, 2008 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District Building in Idaho Springs for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman, Marion Jennings, Matt Sailor, Pete Helseth, Sue Howell, Sarah Donahue, Candy Decker, Frank Young, resident Scott Kersgaard, Clear Creek Metro Rec District Director Matt Robie and Maintenance Supervisor John Gambel. Absent from the meeting were Kristin Kahler, Roy Beaton, Fran Enright, and Hal Wahlborg.

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

Unscheduled Appearances: Clear Creek Metro Rec District Director Matt Robie and Maintenance Supervisor John Gambel provided information about a pilot recycling program with Evergreen Disposal Service (EDS). EDS proposed 2-3 recycling dumpsters to be located at the rec center to allow people to drop off all recyclables without separating. Matt Robie asked if the Open Space Commission would like to participate somehow in bringing their recycling to this site. Pete Helseth added that the Rites of Passage boys could gather recyclables from the bins and bring it to the rec center dumpsters. He added if the pilot program did not pay off for EDS, the commission should consider financial participation in such a program. Matt Robie agreed to keep the commission updated on the program.

Matt Robie also mentioned a district-wide survey the rec center was distributing to obtain community feedback. He asked the commission members to fill out the survey and return to the rec center.

Sarah Donahue introduced Scott Kersgaard, owner of property on Hwy 103, and proposing a division of land via county land use. He proposed to retain a portion of his acreage where his home was located and sell off 30 acres via the division of land. Scott Kersgaard also had another interested buyer if the Open Space Commission was not interested in acquiring the property. Frank Young explained to Mr. Kersgaard and the commission that immediate purchases were not possible. Grants had to be researched, applied for, and the acquisition had to undergo discussion among the commission members. Scott Kersgaard stated he could not sell to the Forest Service as his wife worked for them. Sarah Donahue suggested a site visit to see the property.

Approval of September meeting minutes, executive session minutes, online minutes, and executive session minutes from August: Matt Sailor made the motion to approve all the minutes as presented. Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Officer Reports: Pete Helseth made a presentation to the Floyd Hill Homeowners Association regarding the history of the Open Space Commission.

New Business:

Public Education/New Intern: Martha Tableman reported Mary Anna McOwen had recruited a fellow student at DU to intern for the Open Space Commission writing public education pieces.

His name was Brad Parker and he would have a piece ready by January. He was also an expert at web page work and would assist the commission on updating their site.

Weed Grants: Martha Tableman reported the weed funding given to the commission from the Friends of Mount Evans was used for the weed work at Beaver Brook Watershed. Fran Enright requested more weed grant information be researched. Candy Decker agreed to assist. Martha Tableman would call Leigh Lambert for more weeds funding info. The group discussed the idea of using goats for weed control.

Bylaws Revisions: The group agreed to table this discussion until Roy Beaton could be present. Martha Tableman stated his draft revisions were sent out and members should send their comments to Roy Beaton if they have any.

Recycling Grant: Pete Helseth reported that Kristin Kahler would fill out the grant application. The commission would continue to consider the offer from Clear Creek Metro Rec District.

Hwy 103 Property: Frank Young reported there was much work happening in the Hwy 103 area with the Denver Mountain Parks and finalizing their management plan. The real estate was very expensive in this area as US Forest Service surrounded most lands and Mount Evans was a national tourist attraction. Candy Decker suggested a field trip from one end of Hwy 103 to the other to review the lands, which were public and private. Sarah Donahue noted many properties were for sale along Hwy 103. Sue Howell noted the Forest Service and Denver Mountain Parks were powerful partners when seeking funding for land acquisitions. Marion Jennings stated that Denver Mountain Parks was working on forming a foundation group. Sarah Donahue and Matt Sailor would arrange a Hwy 103 field trip before the end of October.

Trout Unlimited Potential Projects: Trout Unlimited was meeting with the county land use group tomorrow and the Open Space Commission was attending. They were seeking restoration and improvement projects in Clear Creek. They recently finished a project in Golden, which included the creation of fish habitat and rock structures. Sue Howell suggested the old Game Check Station as a possible project area. Matt Sailor suggested the Philadelphia Millsite, the Blue Hill, and the Hwy 6 properties as project sites. Pete Helseth asked that Trout Unlimited work in communication with the rafting companies.

Old Business:

CCBAT/Bike Paths: Sue Howell had attended the CCBAT meeting to discuss bike paths in Clear Creek County. Participation with this group was very important especially when it came to open space sites such as the Philadelphia Millsite and the Blue Hill property. The CCBAT group had discussed the trail between the Clear Creek Ranger District and Stanley Road and Bert Weaver would be arranging a meeting with the Forest Service, the City of Idaho Springs and Frank Young. Sue Howell reported the CCBAT members claimed to have funding for bike path projects in Clear Creek County. She reported on work to pave the Bakerville to Loveland Trail as administered by Bert Weaver. There would be a delay in this project, as the funding was needed for Guanella Pass Road project. Sue Howell updated the commission on a presentation made by Dow Markin regarding an event through Clear Creek Canyon including shuttles. She suggested an event in the future to raise awareness for the county Greenway. Sue Howell would

continue to attend the CCBAT meetings and keep the Open Space Commission apprised of the projects.

Fencing adjacent the new animal shelter: Frank Young reported he had been working with the animal shelter group on fencing around the animal shelter along the Greenway footprint. He wanted to preserve the local access trail. The shelter wanted a security fence around its facility and Frank Young wanted to agree on a fence with them as well as a route along the creek. There were also gas and power line easements to consider. The Sheriff was involved in these discussions. Pete Helseth asked that the notes be amended to reflect that the commission had not yet voted on funding fencing at this time but would consider it in the future. He noted there were fencing standards in the Greenway plan.

Articles in the Newspaper: Marion Jennings agreed to coordinate Open Space Commissioners to write articles in the paper regarding their various properties. Martha Tableman would email everyone to sign up with Marion Jennings to write their articles.

Alps Mountain: Frank Young reported the Planning Department was performing their township zoning process and wanted to finish zoning Alps Mountain properties. Past discussions had included zoning the properties NR-PC or M-2. Frank Young would meet with the Planning Department tomorrow to look at possible zonings for these properties. There was one unpatented claim owner on this property. Frank Young also reported the Alps Mountain field trip needed to be rescheduled. He would work with Kristin Kahler to confirm her attendance.

Correspondence: Martha Tableman presented a letter from the Forest Service regarding Yankee Hill and the restoring of roads and map. She also presented a Transportation and Watershed Study, Environmental Assessment, from the Forest Service released on October 8th. Frank Young asked that the commission be provided with a copy of correspondence the Open Space Commission sent out to others. Martha Tableman would include these in the email updates.

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

- Phone service \$45 for 3 months
- Signs of Hunting Rules \$5.00
- Business Cards \$19.98

Sarah Donahue made the motion to approve the bills and for payment. Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session to receive legal advice: Frank Young made the motion to adjourn into Executive Session regarding real estate acquisitions as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2008

ONLINE VOTE

The Open Space Commission met on October 11, 2008 via an online vote to consider the following matter. In attendance were Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman, Sue Howell, Frank Young, Sarah Donahue, Pete Helseth, Kristin Kahler, and Candy Decker. Absent from the vote were Roy Beaton, Hal Wahlborg, Matt Sailor, Fran Enright, and Marion Jennings.

Consideration of approval of payment of sewer tap bills for the Blue Hill property: Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman presented the bills to the commission for the two sewer taps on the Blue Hill property totaling \$167.22 for both taps. Frank Young made the motion to pay the sewer tap bills to Central Clear Creek Sanitation District. Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on October 21, 2008 via an online vote to consider the following matter. In attendance were Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman, Frank Young, Candy Decker, Pete Helseth, Hal Wahlborg, Roy Beaton, and Fran Enright. Absent from the vote were Matt Sailor, Kristen Kahler, Marion Jennings, Sarah Donahue, and Sue Howell.

Consideration of approval of payment of two Mountain Design Group bills for design of the Whitewater Park and stormwater permit plans: Martha Tableman presented a \$545 bill for the production of the bid/construction documents and a 42612 bill for the stormwater permit plans, both for the Whitewater Park. Both bills included materials and labor. Regarding the stormwater permit, Mountain Design Group actually worked many more hours, but were working under a “not to exceed” contract so the commission was only billed for \$2500 in labor. Frank Young made the motion to pay both bills from Mountain Design Group. Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on November 12, 2008 at the Clear Creek Metro Rec District Building in Idaho Springs for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman, Fran Enright, Marion Jennings, Sue Howell, Candy Decker, Frank Young, Matt Sailor, Sarah Donahue, Kristin Kahler, and Hal Wahlborg. Absent from the meeting were Pete Helseth and Roy Beaton.

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

Consideration of approval of October 8, 2008, October 11, 2008 online, and October 21, 2008 online meeting minutes: Marion Jennings made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fishing Guide Permit Program: Martha Tableman stated the county had a rafting permit program and a fishing guide had called to see if the county had a fishing guide permit program. Frank Young volunteered to chair a committee to consider the matter. People were using public lands for private gain and some dollars should go towards the management of these lands. Fran Enright believed if this program were formed the commission would be asked again to operate the rafting program as well. Frank Young and Kristin Kahler would update the commission on the fishing program.

Geneva Basin Iron Fen Restoration: Fran Enright reported they received a grant from the Wildland Restoration Volunteers. All the work would be on county land. The budget was \$23,500. The volunteers would pledge \$10,000 and volunteer labor was needed from the county and the metro area. Fran Enright asked the commission what dollar amount she could offer to the effort. The project would include the restoration of some 100 acres, staging the property, collecting seeds, replanting the seeds, obliteration of the road and restoring the slope angle. This would be a 3-year project. Frank Young suggested committing the remaining \$13,499 and then decide if the commission could obtain some partial grant funding to assist. Marion Jennings suggested researching the DRCOG technical assistance grants. Frank Young made the motion that the commission support the concept of the project and determine the dollar amount commitment at a later date after researching possible grant funding. Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Fran Enright and Candy Decker would work on this project.

HDPLC Membership: Frank Young recommended the Open Space Commission become a full member of the HDPLC instead of just advisory. The current members included the Town of Georgetown, the Town of Silver Plume, Colorado Historical Society, Division of Wildlife, Forest Service, Historic Georgetown Inc., and Clear Creek County. The group met five times a year. Fran Enright requested the HDPLC recent minutes for review. Frank Young agreed and would pursue a full membership for the Open Space Commission.

Hicks Mountain Access: Marion Jennings presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Hicks Mountain Access via the Randall and Bear Creek Development properties. She reviewed the boundaries, fence lines, and obstacles. The trail would need some work. There were cabin remnants at the site. GPS was needed to mark the area and trail. There was a lot of junk in the area and needed to be removed e.g. cars and appliances. Frank Young suggested a coordination agreement between the Forest Service and Denver Mountain Parks.

Tax Sale Parcels: Martha Tableman reported she reviewed the tax sale parcels online. Mr. Loeffler stated the commission could not buy the tax sale parcels at the sale. There were some parcels in the Alps Mountain and Waldorf areas of interest. She suggested the commission writing to the owners of the property to see if they were interested in selling. Some of these properties had multiple tax liens which could be challenging. Fran Enright asked Martha Tableman to work with Roy Beaton and Mr. Loeffler on any potential purchases.

County Christmas Gifts: Martha Tableman reminded everyone to email Marni Krueger with their jacket size to receive their annual county Christmas gift.

Sewer Taps: Matt Sailor reported the commission had two sewer taps on the Blue Ridge property. They could not be sold but they could be surrendered. They cost the commission \$80/quarter each. He would ask the Central Clear Creek Sanitation District if the taps could be transferred to other commission properties.

Future of the Beaver Brook Watershed: Fran Enright stated the Forest Service deal had faded and the agreement with GOCO expires this year for the grant/loan. The commission needed to meet with GOCO to see what the future held. MALT was also meeting with GOCO about this. Frank Young suggested the commission keep the land as the Forest Service didn't have the money to manage the property. Matt Sailor did not want to jeopardize relations with GOCO in the long term. Fran Enright stated GOCO may be willing to discuss a funding source for management. She would pursue this offer.

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

- o Clear Creek County Mapping \$60
- o Recreation Engineering and Planning \$2280
- o Reimburse Martha Tableman for signs \$15

Sarah Donahue made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session to receive legal advice: Fran Enright made the motion to adjourn into Executive Session to receive legal advice regarding real estate matters as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2008

The Open Space Commission met on December 10, 2008 at the Clear Creek Middle School Media Center in Idaho Springs for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. In attendance were Open Space Commission Coordinator Martha Tableman, Matt Sailor, Fran Enright, Candy Decker, Roy Beaton, Kristin Kahler, Marion Jennings, and resident Jan Ziman. Absent from the meeting were Sarah Donahue, Sue Howell, Hal Wahlborg, Pete Helseth, and Frank Young.

Unscheduled Appearances: Resident Jan Ziman updated the Open Space Commission that the Udall bill died and she was unsure if it would be re-introduced. She was now focusing on James Peak Wilderness and the Glacier access issues. Eclipse Snow Park still had to pass the development review process and without their participation in the trailhead access, access to the Glacier and James Peak Wilderness became more complicated. There were also liability issues to be considered with regard to the Glacier. Lastly, both of these areas contained parking issues as there was no adequate parking for either. Martha Tableman reported the Open Space Commission was staying apprised of the issue and wanted a solution that worked with the neighborhood.

Consideration of approval of the November 12, 2008 meeting minutes: Marion Jennings motioned to approve the November 12, 2008 Open Space Commission meeting minutes as presented. Candy Decker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Space Commission Annual Report Progress: Candy Decker reported the first draft of the Open Space Commission annual report was complete and she requested edits.

Alps Mountain Zoning: Sarah Donahue, Frank Young, and Lisa Vogel attended the Board of County Commissioners discussion on the zoning of the Alps Mountain parcels. The Board of County Commissioners approved the zoning of NR-PC. There was one existing unpatented claim and he would be able to continue. No miners attended the Commissioner's meeting.

Executive Session Procedure: To comply with Executive Session minutes, Marion Jennings would keep the Executive Session minutes for the commission for the 90-day required period.

Bylaws Discussion: Roy Beaton discussed the following items regarding the bylaws: quorum votes, distinction between associate and full members, streamlining the payment process, online votes, liability coverage, and increasing the maximum dollar amount for a one vote approval. Martha Tableman reported a change in the bylaws would require two meetings, two votes, and publication in the legals' section of the newspaper.

Election of Officers in 2009: Fran Enright reminded everyone that officer elections would occur in February and she did not want to remain the Chair again. She asked the commissioners to consider new officers.

Geneva Basin Iron Fen Restoration: Fran Enright submitted notes from a conference call with the Colorado Natural Areas (CNAP), the Forest Service, and the Wildland Restoration Volunteers (WRV). They reviewed the process of work for summer 2009. She presented a second document, a Memorandum of Understanding stating who would do what work. The Wildland Restoration Volunteers would bring the volunteers and some funding. CNAP will contribute \$5,000 and the county will contribute \$6,575 for a combined total of \$11,575 (and up to \$15,000 in the event that a portion of WRV fundraising efforts are unsuccessful) to WRV to cover project management, volunteer recruitment, training, food, travel, overhead and other project related expenses. The project is scheduled for August 29-30, 2009. There was a cancellation policy in the Memorandum of Understanding which stated if the commission canceled prior to March 2, 2009, they had to pay \$1000 for the work thus far. If the commission

canceled later than the March 2nd date, the cancelation fee would increase to \$3000. Fran Enright would coordinate with the Mile High Jeep Club. Per the Memorandum of Understanding, Fran Enright needed approval from the commission to abide by the cancelation fees. Matt Sailor made the motion to approve the letter with the Memorandum of Understanding with funding contribution to the project not to exceed \$10,000. Roy Beaton seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A second vote would be required of this matter in January for final approval.

Hicks Mountain Access: This discussion was deferred to January when Sue Howell and Sarah Donahue were in attendance. Marion Jennings reported the Denver Public Library had much information on this area and its history. There were maps and minutes presented for review. The original intent was to have the trail along the ridgeline. There were two sawmills on the property at one time. The intent was to preserve the nature of the area for the public to enjoy. It would not be difficult to formalize the trail as it would be easy to install. Fran Enright would work with Susan Baird of Denver Mountain Parks in January.

Bills for Approval of Payment: Martha Tableman presented the following bills for approval and payment:

- Clear Creek County Sheriff \$5720 patrol of the Beaver Brook Watershed
- Reimburse Martha Tableman \$7.09 postage
- Recreation Engineering and Planning \$1364.49 whitewater park planning
- Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment \$183.75

Candy Decker made the motion to approve and pay the bills. Marion Jennings seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session to receive legal advice: Roy Beaton made the motion to adjourn into Executive Session to receive legal advice regarding real estate matters as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). Matt Sailor seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned.

Fran Enright, Chairman

Candy Decker, Secretary

Attest