

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025
MINUTES**

Call to Order

I. RECURRING ITEMS

ROLL CALL

Jay Sage, Chair – Present
Jim Guerra, Vice Chair – Present
Jennifer Drybread, Committee Member – Present
Mark Giebel, Committee Member – Present
Patti Hostetler, Committee Member – Excused
Gregory Ochs, Committee Member - Present
Brian O’Malley, Committee Member – Present
Tom Rundell, Committee Member – Present
Elizabeth Snow, Committee Member – Present
Kathie Shandro, Committee Member – Present

II. Disclosure for Items on the Agenda

No disclosures

III. Motion to Approve Agenda

RESULT: Approved
MOVER: Drybread
SECONDER: Snow
AYES: Sage, Guerra, O’Malley, Snow, Ochs, Drybread, Shandro, Giebel, Rundell
ABSENT: Hostetler

IV. Motion to Approve Minutes from November 6, 2025

RESULT: Approved
MOVER: Rundell
SECONDER: Guerra
AYES: Sage, Guerra, Snow, Ochs, Drybread, Giebel, Rundell
ABSENT: Hostetler
ABSTAIN: O’Malley, Shandro

V. Public Comment

Mr. Marcus Graves, Director, Castle Pines Parks & Recreation, joined the meeting to observe and introduce himself.

VI. Administrative Announcements

Parks and Trails Update, no update provided

Historic Preservation Update, no update provided

Scott McEldowney, Assistant Director, provided the following updates:

- Jackie Sanderson retiring. Jackie's last day is 12/31/25. Retirement Celebration will be on 12/18/25 at the Mill House.
- Prescribed Fire – 400 acres at Spruce Meadows complete. Went awesome. Discussed goals and plan moving forward at high level.
- Completion of Sandstone Mitigation Project. Will be finished by end of the month.

Kirk Inderbitzen, Operations Manager, provided the following updates:

- Staff changes: Congratulations Ryan Smith, the new Ranger Supervisor, and Kirk Inderbitzen is the Operations Manager
- Cassidy Brown hired as a new Land Manger/Ranger, starting 12/08/25

Jay Sage, COSAC Chair, provided the following updates

- 2026 Meetings are moving to the first Wednesday of the month.
- Douglas Land Conservancy recognized Brian O'Malley for his service, Oak Leaf Award Winner

Dan Dertz, Director, provided the following updates:

- Mark Maloney donated bench years ago. The Board of County Commissioners recognized him in the Hall of Fame and honored him at the last Commissioners public meeting. Plaque and photo will be next to his bench at Lincoln Mountain
- Brian O'Mally will be recognized by the Board of County Commissioners and will enter into the Hall of Fame in January 2026.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

2026 COSAC and staff Goals – Jay Sage, Chairman Jay Sage presented the budget tool that he and Jim Guerra worked on with staff. COSAC reviewed and had detailed conversation on the figures and projections.

Camping Initiative Ad Hoc Committee – Dan Dertz, Director and Kirk COSAC members and staff engaged in a discussion pertaining to the fact that the Board of County Commissioners have requested to create an Ad Hoc Committee regarding camping. And possible future locations for camping and fire risk. First step is to create the ad hoc committee and who will be invited to be on the committee.

Trail Ambassador Volunteer Program – Brian O'Malley, COSAC Member presented information from Kaitlyn with DLC regarding partnering on volunteer programs. More info to follow.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COSAC entered executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a),(b) and discussed the potential acquisition of specific real property in Douglas County for preservation as open space. The discussion included the costs, benefits, and relative merits of potential property acquisitions, existing protections and encumbrances, limitations upon use, wildlife, natural resources, terrain, surrounding properties, and how the property relates to the objectives of COSAC and Douglas County. COSAC also received legal advice from an assistant county attorney regarding executive sessions and compliance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

Motion for COSAC to enter an executive session.

RESULT: Approved

MOVER: Shandro

SECONDER: Guerra

AYES: Sage, Guerera, O'Malley, Snow, Ochs, Drybread, Shandro, Giebel, Rundell

ABSENT: Hostetler

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

After adjourning the executive session, COSAC members came back to the regular COSAC meeting. COSAC Chair, Jay Sage stated that COSAC was now finished with the executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a),(b) for the purposes of discussing the potential acquisition of specific properties and legal advice, stated that no decisions were made in the executive session, and asked for a motion for adjournment.

Motion for COSAC to exit executive session.

RESULT: Approved

MOVER: Snow

SECONDER: O'Malley

AYES: Sage, Guerera, O'Malley, Snow, Ochs, Drybread, Shandro, Giebel, Rundell

ABSENT: Hostetler

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Motion to adjourn the regular COSAC meeting.

RESULT: Approved

MOVER: Guerra

SECONDER: Drybread

AYES: Sage, Guerra, O'Malley, Snow, Ochs, Drybread, Shandro, Giebel, Rundell

ABSENT: Hostetler