

**CITY OF BOULDER
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

April 12, 2005

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Ruzzin called the special April 12, 2005 meeting of the Boulder City Council to order at 6:00p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Those present were: Councilmembers, Ageton, Bohannon, Eldridge, Gray, McGrath, Riggle, Ruzzin, Schultheiss and Stoakes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. **CONTINUED ITEM FROM APRIL 5,2005:**

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE OPEN SPACE AND MOUNTAIN PARKS VISITOR MASTER PLAN.

Councilmember McGrath moved, seconded by Eldridge to approve the February 2005 draft of the Open Space Mountain Parks Visitor Master Plan, with amendments. The motion carried 9:0.

Councilmember McGrath moved, seconded by Gray to amend the Visitor Master Plan to prohibit competitive events, with the following change and any others to ensure consistency throughout the document: On Page 46, strike all language after "Competitive Events" and insert, "The OSMP Department shall not authorize competitive events on OSMP lands." The motion carried 7:2; Ageton and Riggle opposed.

Councilmember McGrath moved, seconded by Gray to amend the Visitor Master Plan to accept the designation of Natural Area for the Tallgrass Prairie West area and the eastern portion of the Eldorado Mountain area, to direct staff to closely monitor these two areas to ensure that any undue impacts do not occur as a result of use, and to direct staff to develop and implement a restoration plan for each of these two areas to ensure the health of the ecosystem is restored. The motion carried 7:2; Riggle and Stoakes opposed.

Councilmember McGrath moved, seconded by Ageton to amend the Visitor Master Plan to encourage a nighttime curfew in Habitat Conservation Areas rather than require one and changing the appropriate language on Pages 44 and 53. The motion carried 7:2, Bohannon and Gray opposed.

Councilmember McGrath moved, seconded by Gray to amend the Visitor master Plan to add a new paragraph on Page 43, after “Transit Linkages” to read: *Volunteer Opportunities for Trail Construction and Maintenance. OSMP shall explore opportunities for local community groups and individual volunteers to participate in trail construction and maintenance, including managing on a test basis 1) an annual community trail construction day and 2) an “adopt-a-trail” program. OSMP shall also explore volunteer opportunities for habitat restoration.*

Councilmember Eldridge offered a friendly amendment to add “or days” after 1) an annual community trail construction day... The friendly amendment was accepted by McGrath and Gray.

Vote was taken on the motion to amend the Visitor master Plan to add a new paragraph on Page 43, after “Transit Linkages” to read: *Volunteer Opportunities for Trail Construction and Maintenance. OSMP shall explore opportunities for local community groups and individual volunteers to participate in trail construction and maintenance, including managing on a test basis 1) an annual community trail construction day or days and 2) an “adopt-a-trail” program. OSMP shall also explore volunteer opportunities for habitat restoration.* The motion carried 9:0

Councilmember Riggle moved, seconded by Ageton to amend the Visitor Master Plan to change the first sentence on On-Trail Requirements at the bottom of Page 43 to read: *Encourage on-trail travel in all management areas. In HCA’s on-trail travel may initially be required in areas with identified needs and may subsequently be extended to additional areas after studying the impacts not mitigated by trail redesignation;* and to change the corresponding wording in Table 4.1 on Page 51 to read: *Encourage on-trail use, but require on-trail use in specifically identified areas unless a permit is obtained from OSMP.* The motion failed 1:8 with Riggle in support.

Councilmember Riggle moved, seconded by Stoakes to amend the Visitor Master Plan regarding the off-trail access permit system in HCA’s to broaden the wording to allow controlled access by the general public to restricted areas, as follows: on page 40 “Implement a permit system in Habitat Conservation Areas to provide for officially sponsored OSMP activities and for controlled access by members of the general public,” and in table 4.1, page 51 strike the parenthetical language for exception (2), so it reads “...except... (2) if an off-trail permit is obtained.”

Councilmember Schultheiss offered a friendly amendment to change Page 40 to read as follows: *Off-Trail Permits. Implement a permit system for off-trail use in Habitat Conservation Areas, to provide for Open Space and Mountain Parks-sponsored activities, as well as use by the general public, subject to OSMP regulations consistent with management goals for HCA’s (p. 50), and which may include limiting the number of permits issued due to individual or cumulative impact.* The friendly amendment was accepted by Riggle and Stoakes.

Vote was taken on the motion to amend the master plan to change Page 40 to read as follows: *Off-Trail Permits. Implement a permit system for off-trail use in Habitat Conservation Areas, to provide for Open Space and Mountain Parks-sponsored activities, as well as use by the general public, subject to OSMP regulations consistent with management goals for HCA's (p. 50), and which may include limiting the number of permits issued due to individual or cumulative impact.* The motion carried 7:2; Bohannon and Gray opposed.

Councilmember Riggle moved, seconded by Eldridge to amend the Visitor Master Plan commercial use definition by striking the definition on the page of Errata and reverting to the definition given in the box on Page 44 of the draft plan. The motion carried 9:0.

Councilmember Riggle moved, seconded by Ruzzin to amend the Visitor Master Plan to add horseback riding as the last bullet on the list of activities under Issue-Based Community Collaboration to read: *Designating specific use areas for horseback riding, hang gliding/paragliding, fishing, model glider flying, orienteering, etc.* The motion was withdrawn by Councilmember Riggle.

Councilmember Riggle moved, seconded by Stoakes to amend the Visitor Master Plan to grandfather in existing public access to new properties by changing the language on Page 45 to read: *Complete planning and infrastructure improvements in a timely manner, prior to opening newly acquired properties to the public. However, where feasible, preserve existing access during the planning and improvement process.*"

Councilmember McGrath offered a friendly amendment to change the words "where feasible" to "as appropriate." Mayor Ruzzin offered a friendly amendment to add the word "public" before "access". Both friendly amendments were accepted by Riggle and Stoakes.

Vote was taken on the motion to amend the Visitor Master Plan to grandfather in existing public access to new properties by changing the language on Page 45 to read: *Complete planning and infrastructure improvements in a timely manner, prior to opening newly acquired properties to the public. However, as appropriate, preserve existing public access during the planning and improvement process.*" The motion carried 6:3, Bohannon, Gray and Schultheiss opposed.

Councilmember Schultheiss moved, seconded by Ageton to amend the Visitor Master Plan on Page 40 under "New No Dog Opportunities" deleting language so that it reads: *Establish additional no-dog opportunities on some trails, using a collaborative process and suitability criteria.* The motion carried 9:0.

Councilmember Ageton moved, seconded by Ruzzin to amend the Visitor Master Plan Map 4.6, indicating dog management designations, to classify city portions of Skunk Canyon Trail from "leash required on trail" to "on-corridor voice and sight control" for the city owned portion of the trail.

McGrath and Ruzzin offered a friendly amendment to clarify that the portion of the trail covered by the motion is "the western portion of the trail west of the NCAR property line." The friendly amendment was accepted by Ageton.

Vote was taken on the motion to amend the Visitor Master Plan Map 4.6, indicating dog management designations, to classify city portions of Skunk Canyon Trail from “leash required on trail” to “on-corridor voice and sight control” for the western portion of the trail west of the NCAR property line. The motion carried 9:0.

Councilmember Ageton moved, seconded by Schultheiss to amend the Visitor Master Plan language on Page 72 to eliminate the specific months referenced in the bullets, as follows: Strike “started by July” from the first and second bullets, and strike “started by September” from the third bullet. The motion carried 9:0.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, BY MOTION REGULARLY ADOPTED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:35P.M.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

Mark Ruzzin
Mayor

ATTEST:

Alisa D. Lewis
City Clerk