



## Parks & Open Space

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### NOTICE OF POSAC PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Boulder County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC) will hold its annual retreat, which will be open to the public, on Saturday, February 10, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Goodhue Farmhouse, located at 2009 S. 112th St., at The Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm. POSAC members and Parks & Open Space staff will discuss projects, goals, and policies.

The retreat will not provide an opportunity for public comment.

Members of the public who would like to attend the retreat should contact Renata Frye at [rfrye@bouldercounty.org](mailto:rfrye@bouldercounty.org) so staff will have an accurate count.

The agenda and available staff memos for the retreat may be viewed on our website: [www.BoulderCountyOpenSpace.org/POSAC](http://www.BoulderCountyOpenSpace.org/POSAC)

Following the POSAC Retreat, Boulder County will host an open house meeting seeking public input regarding e-bike use on Boulder County Parks & Open Space properties.

The open house will be preceded by an opportunity to test-ride e-bikes.

**Saturday, Feb. 10**

**E-Bike Demo, 1:30-2:30 p.m.**

**Open House, 2:30-3:30 p.m.**

**Goodhue Farmhouse**

**2005 S. 112th St., Broomfield**

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## Agenda for POSAC Retreat February 10, 2018 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Goodhue House at Rock Creek Farm

### Suggested Timetable:

8:50 a.m. *Coffee and pastries*

9:00 a.m. 1. **Real Estate** (Janis Whisman & Eric Lane)  
a. Sales Tax Revenue Projections  
b. Acquisition Priorities with Revenue Considerations  
c. Hodgson Harris Reservoir

10:30 a.m. 2. **Resource Management** (Therese Glowacki)  
a. Elk hunting at Rabbit Mountain  
b. General Elk Management

11:30 a.m. 3. **Agriculture** (Blake Cooper)  
a. SARII/Research Update  
b. Status of Phasing Out Neonicotinoids

*Working Lunch*

12:00 p.m. 4. **POSAC Roles & Procedures** (Tina Nielsen & Eric Lane)

1:00 p.m. 5. **Adjourn**

Optional: 1:00 p.m. Birds of Prey Flight Cage Tour. Please RSVP to Renata.

1:30 p.m. E-bike Demo (Vendors will be on hand by 1:00 p.m. and you are welcome to try them out then.)

2:30-3:30 p.m. E-bike Open House. Please join if you are able.



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## PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**TO:** Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee

**DATE AND LOCATION:** Saturday, February 10, 2018, 6:30 p.m. Goodhue Farmhouse

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** Elk and Vegetation Management Plan Update

**PRESENTER:** Therese Glowacki, Resource Management Manager

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Information Only

### BOCC Ron Stewart Preserve at Rabbit Mountain Elk Update End of First Season

#### Summary

- The first season of the Elk and Vegetation Management Plan ended January 31, 2018. The Ron Stewart Preserve is back open to the public 7 days a week.

#### Hunters

- 32 hunters participated in the program.

#### Hunter Success

- 27 of 37 hunter slots have been successful. Some hunters had more than one week.

#### Telemetry/Counts

- The count from mid-September was about 200, which did not include the elk hiding in the tall corn.
- The count from October was 102, during the rut, so not an accurate total count.
- The count from November was 255.
- The count from December was 230.
- Official count to compare to last year will be the highest count from January, February or March.
- Collared elk activity shows animals spreading out throughout the subunit: elk have been in the corn and private lands to the southeast, in the area of the mine west of Rabbit Mountain, on private land in Stone Canyon (west of Indian Mountain), on the Wynn-Forsberg Open Space (north of Apple Valley), and on Ron Stewart Preserve.

No hazing or fencing activities occurred since the plan was approved.

- Fencing materials are in place and will be installed when the ground thaws in April.
- Hazing will take place if the elk congregate in the high use area.
- CPW and POS will be trapping and collaring 4 more elk to get the number of collars back to seven. This effort will further disturb the elk.

- We will be comparing elk movements from the radio collars with the hunting as possible, and after hazing.

#### Communications and Public Feedback

- Hunter Orientation: Hunters attended one of two hunter orientations and took a proficiency tests before their assigned week. The last hunter orientation was Saturday, October 28.
- Many participants provided positive feedback on how well organized the program was implemented.
- Social Media and Public Feedback have been very light.
  - Less than 10 emails about the implementation, mostly about the Ron Stewart Preserve closure.
  - Early comments on Facebook among 5 people.



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### PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RETREAT

**TO:** Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee

**DATE:** Saturday, February 10, 2018

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** SARII Update

**PRESENTER:** Dr. Blake Cooper

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Information Only

#### Summary

The Sustainable Agriculture Research and Innovation Initiative was tabled by the BOCC on October 25, 2017. The Haley Farm (*where the research was slated to have been centered*) was subsequently put open for RFP and a tenant was selected to take stewardship of that property. The newly acquired Mayhoffer-Farm was also put out to bid at the same time and a new tenant was selected for that property as well.

#### Farmer Engagement

Two separate meetings were held with farmer tenants directly affected by the GE transition (*in theory the SARII would have provided information to all farmers, but was geared mostly to farmers directly impacted by the GE transition*). We have also reached out to the respective bidders on the SARII RFP and have received an interest in helping pursue On-Farm Research trials on topics related to Sustainability. At present, it is unclear exactly what may be attempted in the way of meaningful research, but it is anticipated there will be a significant effort directed at Carbon Sequestration demonstrations.



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### PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RETREAT

**TO:** Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee

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**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** Transition away from GE and Neonicotinoid Insecticides

**PRESENTER:** Dr. Blake Cooper

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Information Only

#### Summary

We will present historical information on the past few years of GE crops grown on Open Space Property and information on the economic consequences of that new policy. Barring viable alternatives, it is anticipated that some GE corn and sugar beets will continue to be planted thru the 2019 and 2021 crop seasons respectively. At which points in time, we expect that those crops and Neonicotinoid Insecticides will no longer be allowed per policy.



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## PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RETREAT

**TO:** Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee

**DATE:** Saturday, February 10, 2018

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** POSAC Roles & Procedures

**PRESENTER:** Tina Nielsen and Eric Lane

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Discussion

### Background

At the Feb. 2017 POSAC retreat, POSAC members discussed a number of aspects of POSAC meetings and roles. Discussion topics included length of information presentations (keep them short), posting presentations online (now being done), earlier POSAC involvement in decisions (e.g. study sessions or subcommittees), better communication and outreach about accomplishments (we are working on several ideas), and bylaws. This retreat offers an opportunity to continue this discussion, reflecting broadly on POSAC roles, effectiveness, and how staff can best support you. To facilitate the discussion, we have sent you a link to a survey on SurveyMonkey.

The survey includes questions about

- Meeting start time, length of meetings, frequency of meetings, order of agenda items
- Packet materials
- Public engagement and communications from members of the public
- Field trips and annual retreat
- POSAC roles and involvement

We hope that the survey will spark your thinking and help inform the discussion. We'll bring the results to the retreat, and look forward to continuing this conversation.

Update on bylaws: the county is in the process of streamlining procedures, processes and bylaws for all the county's many advisory committees. Once the foundational documents are ready, staff will incorporate that information into a draft bylaws update and bring to POSAC for your input. The Board of Commissioners make the ultimate decision makers on bylaws.