



Tree Board Regular Meeting

October 25, 2022 - 5:00 PM

Windsor Community Recreation Center, 250 North 11th Street,
Windsor, CO 80550

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

MS. BIELAWSKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:01PM

1. Roll Call

Present:

Alison O'Connor - Board Chair
Jason King - Vice Chair(Absent)
Sue Bielawski
John Brown
Lucy Thames
Christine Ginnity
Jim LaShell
Jason Hallett - Town Board Liaison

Also Present:

Ken Kawamura - Town Forester
Wade Willis - Open Space & Trails Manager
Kristy Zulkoski - Administrative Specialist
Karen Frawley - Town Clerk

2. Review of Agenda by the Board and Addition of Items of New Business to the Agenda for Consideration

MR. BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MS. GINNITY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Liaison Reports

Town Board Liaison

Jason Hallett

- Vote last night for early pay-off of Community Recreation Center
- Town Board Budget Retreat on October 15th

4. Public Invited to be Heard

Hannah Johnson & Kendra Dempster-Walsh

- CSU Students attending as a required assignment for Urban Forestry Class

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes (July 26, 2022)

MR. BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE JULY 26, 2022 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MS. GINNITY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED AYE.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. BOARD REVIEW/DISCUSSION

1. CivicClerk Training- Karen Frawley, Town Clerk

- Board Members were introduced to CivicClerk with demo, set up personal accounts for the Board Portal, training packet emailed to all

2. Presentation of proposed Open Space Ballot Measure and Riverwalk Phase II- Wade Willis, Open Space and Trails Manager

Open Space & Trails Strategic Plan

- In alignment with the Parks, Recreation & Culture Strategic Plan and the Department's Vision "To be the national leader in recreation experiences"
- PRC Strategic Plan Recommendations

1. Align priorities with community needs
2. Enhance wayfinding and extend the Department's brand
3. Identify types of open space for acquisition
4. Explore opportunities to increase revenues
5. Formalize a volunteer program

- Items most willing to fund with tax dollars

1. Develop additional trails
2. Acquire open space for passive activities

- Top Priorities for Investment

1. River access / Riverwalk
2. Mountain bike and hiking trails
3. Natural areas/ wildlife habitats

- Town Strategic Plan

1. Strategic Growth - Establish community separators and present open spaces that ensure Windsor maintains its identity and quality of life
2. Vibrant & Healthy Economy - Make Windsor into a tourist destination
3. Sustainable Infrastructure - Design and implement a well-connected, efficient, multi-modal transportation network, Establish pedestrian and bicycle connectivity throughout Windsor, Adequately maintain and ensure that infrastructure (streets, trails, water & sewer) aligns with growth, Invest in the improvement of public space and facilities outside of the downtown area creating additional cultural destination amenities

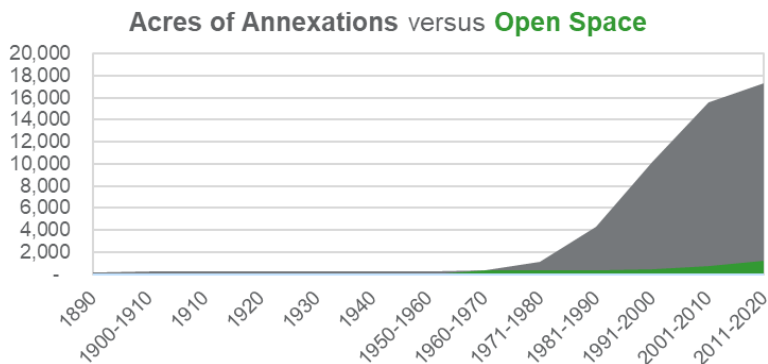
- Big Moves

1. Trails - Additional 40 miles of trails & level of service, Top trail segments for implementation, Regional trail initiatives
2. Open Space - Large community separator/agriculture acquisitions, Smaller urban habitat acquisitions, restoration and education, Open space dedicated funding to

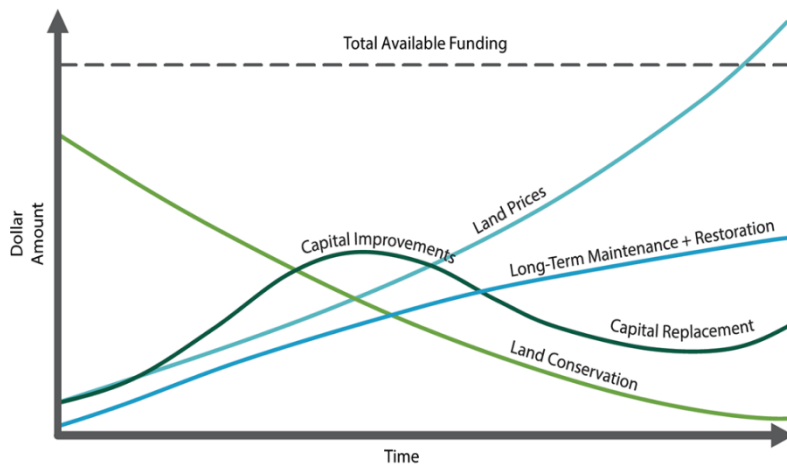
secure future acres, Code modifications, Future OST Division structure

- Open Space - Needs

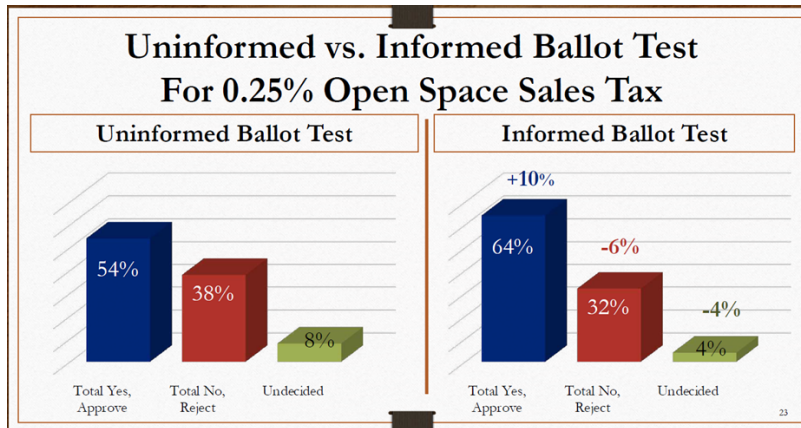
1. Development is occurring at an extraordinary pace
 2. Regional growth plans identify few opportunities for community separators
 3. Windsor's identity and borders are becoming diluted as neighboring municipalities grow together
 4. Soaring property acquisition costs
 5. Insufficient funding and absence of dedicated funding sources
 6. Working agriculture as a key open space conversation and water protection tool
- Open Space Land Acquisition Recommendation - Conserve large community separators and farms with willing landowners and water resources for an additional 1,300 acres



- Open Space Dedicated Funding Recommendation - Secure a dedicated funding source to fund acquisition, stewardship and maintenance
- The Town currently has a sales tax of 3.95%, based on the current sales tax revenue, a 1/4 cent increase would generate about \$1.62 million annually which could acquire, at a rate of \$19,000/acre, about 85 acres, a 1/4 cent sales tax increase would, on average, cost each person \$39 per year



- Windsor Open Space Tax Results - July 14th - July 28th, 1,642 responses



- Ballot Measure 3F

Shall Town of Windsor taxes be increased by \$1.62 million annually beginning in tax collection year 2023, and by whatever amounts that may be generated thereafter, by increasing the town sales and use tax rate by 0.25% on January 1, 2023, with tax revenue to be used for the creation of a dedicated funding source for open space land acquisition, stewardship, operation and maintenance that will:

Purchase and maintain open space that achieves the following:

- Ensuring acquired open space land will remain undeveloped and lessen the impact of residential housing growth, thereby reducing community impacts such as traffic, the cost of maintaining roads, sewer, stormwater and acquiring and treating water
- Enable the town to develop and maintain open space that will increase public recreation opportunities
- Obtain, manage and preserve working farms and community separators that will keep Windsor unique from neighboring cities and towns
- Promote and perpetuate open space that conserves valuable wildlife habitats, protects the environment and creates green spaces and waterfront access to lakes, streams, and the Cache la Poudre River

All revenue from this tax constituting a voter-approved revenue change, notwithstanding any revenue or expenditure limitations contained in Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado constitution.

Riverwalk Update - Planning Process

- Master Plan developed on 2019
- Phase I completed May 2021 - Put in, new parking, boulder access feature, take out
- Phase II 2022-2023 Major features - new parking area, wetlands in partnership with NISP / Northern Water, nature play features, trail bypass, grass demonstration areas, gardens outdoor class space

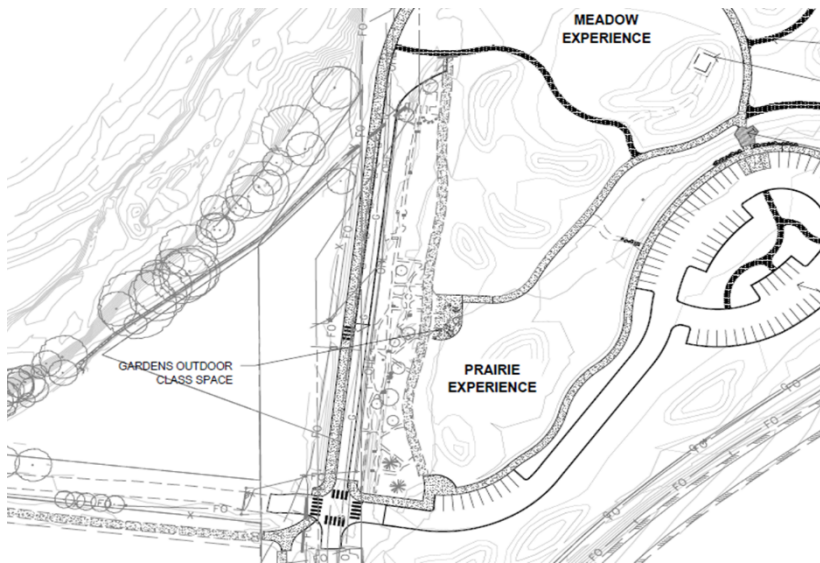


EASTMAN PARK
RIVER EXPERIENCE - PHASE 2



30% CONCEPT B-SITE WITH TREE CANOPY
7-14-21





- Welcome to new Board Members Lucy Thames, Christine Ginnity and Jim LaShell - went over member duties, toured the Town and highlighted various projects that are happening

- Hosted a volunteer tree planting at Village East Park last weekend - replaced trees that were lost since the park was built just a few years ago, great educational opportunity to show proper tree planting techniques, quite a few out of town volunteers (Eaton and Greeley), planted 13 trees in three hours, thanks to Maddi Cheek/Volunteer Coordinator for the Town
- Staff attended the International Society of Arboriculture regional conference and gained the latest knowledge in tree care
- Pruning of several trees around town
- Continued clean up of all roundabouts
- Planning for the flowerbed renovations
- Pruning trees for clearance
- Removed several dead trees from Windsor Lake Trail
- 7 landscape inspections - Raindance 11th & 15th, Harmony Ridge 3rd, South Gate, Dimond Valley 8th, Shops at Water Valley 23rd, River Crossing

2. Board

Alison O'Connor

- Next meeting will be November 22nd - will discuss calendar distribution to businesses around town

E. ADJOURN

MR. BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN. MS. GINNITY SECONDED THE MOTION. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:30PM