

**Draft Minutes**  
**Ranch at Roaring Fork**  
**Open Space Advisory Committee**

April 11, 2011

11:30 am

Ranch Office

OSAC members present: Christie Jensen, Annie Worley, Julie Ross, Peter Breitenstein and Mike Gerber via conference call.

Ranch Staff present: Steve Coley, Rick Carsten

Homeowners present: Marci Kneiper, Tom Vail, Ed and Jo Anne Anderson, Mike Romanus

Meeting began with discussion of minute taking. It was agreed that the minutes should be concise and mainly a record of action taken.

Compost Consultant Visit: Steve Coley and Rick Carsten met with Jim Duke of Cacaloco to inspect The Ranch's compost pile. Mr. Duke recommended keeping all woody material out of the pile and to better direct homeowners where exactly to dump compost material (leaves, grass clippings, etc.). He also advised to regularly turn the pile once optimum temperatures are reached. Ranch staff will better control compost pile to produce good compost to be used on Ranch Open Space. Mr. Duke recommended spreading the compost in the hay fields.

Jim Ficke visit: Mike Gerber will contact Mr. Ficke for a site visit (at no charge to The Ranch) to monitor fire-damaged areas of the open space. Mike Gerber will notify the OSAC of the visit.

Christie Jensen presented a preliminary Entry Plan Sketch. It was well received by the committee as well as the homeowners and staff. Jensen will present to donor for more feedback before creating a more developed plan to present to the community for input.

Julie Ross reported on two community input gathering meetings since our last meeting. One session was better attended than the other. Ross will continue to host more meetings, gather information. The committee will review the information at May's OSAC meeting

Noise Abatement: Christie Jensen will work with Tom Vail to develop a plan for planting trees on the golf course. Jensen, Gerber and Jo Anne Anderson thought that something should also be done for the west side of The Ranch along Surrey Street to mitigate the impacts of the highway. Jensen will also present planting ideas along west Surrey Street at the next OSAC meeting.

Weed visit by CSU-Garfield Extension Agent Patrick McCarty and Steve Anthony, Garfield County Weed Supervisor: Steve Coley, Rick Carsten, Christie Jensen, and Richard Sierzant all met with the local weed experts to evaluate weed control methods currently used on The Ranch and educate The Ranch about the Cost-Share Program Garfield County offers. Steve Anthony also volunteered a summer intern to help map the weeds within our open space. The new GIS program should also help with this large endeavor.

Jensen asked for input from the committee on updating the playground equipment. Many in attendance thought the existing playstructures were a safety hazard and replacement of the equipment would raise property values. Marci Kneiper will research different equipment and present ideas with prices at the next meeting.

Next meeting: May 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned 1:45 pm