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CACHE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Cache Open Space Advisory Committee will hold a **REGULAR MEETING** at 3:30 p.m. in the Cache County Historic Courthouse Council Chambers, 199 North Main Street, Logan, Utah 84321, **MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023**.

Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions
2. Approval of agenda/minutes
3. Discussion of Open Space Application Evaluation Criteria
 - Level 1 Evaluation Criteria
 - Trails Evaluation Criteria
4. Gateway Category-Immediate Views and Parcels
5. Discussion of Application Process
6. Discussion of the 2024 Meeting Schedule
7. County Council Update (If any)

Next Meeting Agenda

Notes

Meeting Schedule

COSAC Open Space Application Evaluation

Each advisory committee *member* scores *each criterion*, and *then*, the *total scores are averaged for COSAC committee score*. It is anticipated that projects will *not* score in every category. *The scoring on this sheet represents the opinion of each committee member. These scores help evaluate and make recommendations to the applicant and County Council for their final determination.*

	Points Possible	Score Given
PROTECT SCENIC VISTAS The location is along major corridors a. Major state highways b. Minor state highways c. Major county roads Visibility traffic counts Foothills	20	
PRESERVE OPEN LANDS NEAR VALLEY GATEWAYS The location is seen from major gateways a. View from entry way into the valley at the mouth of Wellsville Canyon or the transit through Wellsville Canyon b. First full view of the valley along Highway 30 heading east from Box Elder county (roughly 1.2 miles from county border) c. View from Highway 89 heading west from Logan canyon, just before the road drops down around the USU campus (roughly at 900 E.) d. View from Highway 91 just south of the Idaho border. e. View from Highway 91 north of Smithfield where the road traverses the side of Crow Mountain f. View from the rise along Highway 165 just north of Hyrum; g. View from the visitor center at the American West Heritage Center	20	

MAINTAINS AGRICULTURE Land evaluation components and other considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Soil Productivity Index (SPI) b. Land Capability Index (LCI) c. Size of Parcel d. Commercial farm activity e. Proximity to protected lands (APA's & CE's) f. Canals/ Laterals g. Century Farm Dedication 	15	
MAINTAINS WATERWAYS The following will be included in consideration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Floodplain b. Wetlands c. Major Waterways d. Waterbodies e. Springs 	15	
MAINTAINS WILDLIFE HABITAT The following will be included in consideration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Important Habitat Areas b. Wildland-Urban Interface c. Migratory Bird Production Area d. Deer & Elk Migration Corridors e. Mule Deer Habitat g. Deer & Elk Winter Range h. Fish Habitat 	15	
ALLOWS PUBLIC ACCESS Please see the COSAC Trail Application for trail only projects The following will be considered when scoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A trail easement will be included in the project b. The project allows for another form of broad public access 	15	
TOTAL	100	

COSAC Trail Application Evaluation

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	Points possible	Score given
The trail is a complete trail or a contiguous piece that will be used stand alone or in conjunction with existing trail	10	
The trail is on the municipal or county Trails Master Plan	10	
The trail has regional trail connectivity	8	
The trail has sub-regional trail connectivity	6	
The trail connects previously unconnected communities by way of active transportation	8	
The trail increases safety for active transportation	10	
Multiple municipalities or population are benefiting from this trail	10	
This is an opportunistic moment to acquire a piece of trail even though trail may not currently be contiguous	8	
The trail has surrounding non-participating land owner support for future acquisition	5	
Funds for building the trail have been budgeted	10	
The trail has a near term completion date	5	
The submitting municipalities are contributing to the acquisition	10	
TOTAL	100	

COSAC Application Process

COSAC is a recommendation body; therefore, the process should help applications narrow and meet the county's goals to allow the County Council to make informed decisions on applications that have had proper review and vetting.

- Pre-Application Meeting
 - Applicant may request a pre-application meeting with COSAC to receive initial feedback.
- Preliminary Application and Presentation
 - Review by COSAC and ranking
 - Applicant needs a general idea of how the Open Space Land will be used
 - Site Visit
 - Discussion about scoring in a public meeting
 - Fill in the scoring criteria
 - Provide initial review and recommendation to the applicant based on the preliminary application.
- Applicant updates application based on feedback from COSAC and gathers more detail on the following:
 - Longterm use of property
 - Appraisal
 - Funding request
 - Matching grants
 - Ownership
 - Longterm stewardship
- Second Round Application
 - Applicant submits a more detailed plan
 - Funding Plan Required
 - How much of COSAC Money is being requested
 - Other Funding Sources
 - Appraisal of the property
 - Another Site Visit
 - Applicant's Presentation
 - COSAC scores the property based on the specified use. This will require a more detailed scoring sheet for each primary proposed use.
 - Wilderness
 - Farm Land
 - Trails/Public Access Land
 - A combination

- Etc
 - Recommendation to the County Council
 - Approval of application
 - Approval with conditions
 - Secure additional funding
 - Finetune the application in specific ways
 - Denial
- County Council Review
 - The County Council will review the application and make the final decision