

OSMP TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON ANEMONE HILL TRAIL POSSIBILITIES

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Ever wanted a ride your mountain bike from town to a real trail? OSMP will host a **meeting on Tuesday, July 19th at the East Boulder Senior Center from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**, intended to provide a third-party contractor designing potential trails on Anemone Hill (West of Settler's Park) an opportunity to hear public input on possible trail options and concerns associated with this area.

Mountain bikers do not need to flood the room. Staff has already hired a contractor to do trail design. But if this issue speaks to your heart, we wanted you to know that staff is asking for citizen input.

The Backstory

At their March 30 meeting, council directed staff to "Explore possibilities for a bike loop or bike trail within the Anemone area, especially looking at a connection coming in from the Boulder Canyon Bike Path as soon as possible. " To get this process started, OSMP selected a contractor, Design Concepts to provide the City with plans for trail alignments and design features for three trail alternatives on Anemone Hill:

1. A multi-use loop trail that is designed for mountain bikers and hikers. This is to be a trail that would be preferred by bikers.
2. A multi-use loop trail that is designed for mountain bikers and hikers but would be preferred by hikers.
3. A multi-use loop trail that is designed for mountain bikers and hikers that will generally follow the trail alignments of the outer portions of the two loop trails recommended by the CCG. These two alignments are to be joined on the west end.

Council also asked that the following criteria be considered in any trail design:

- Access to and from the Boulder Creek Bike Path is to be provided for each trail design.
- Each alignment will need to minimize intrusion into critical wildlife habitat and rare plant areas.
- Each alignment must stay at least 100 yards from the west OSMP boundary line.
- The contractors are to provide a cost estimate for the construction of each alternative.

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