

JEFFERSON COUNTY OPEN SPACE

# Fixed Hardware Review Committee

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## Code of Conduct

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**Introduction:**

The Fixed Hardware Review Committee (FHRC) is designed to provide community guidance and recommendations for new rock climbing routes and crags, as well as other climbing related matters which use fixed hardware within Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) lands. The FHRC will have the authority to review applications for all new fixed anchors and make recommendations at the staff level to JCOS. JCOS will have the final authority to approve or deny all applications as well as make the final determination on all climbing related matters within JCOS lands. All decisions for approval or denial will be final.

**Composition of FHRC:**

The FHRC comprises seven (7) members from the community as well as one (1) representative from JCOS who will maintain an advisory role. Members will be selected through a formal application process and vote by the JCOS Climbing Committee.

Once members are established, one (1) person will be appointed to a Committee Chair role which will be responsible for organizing and officiating meetings as well as drafting meeting agendas. At this time, a Co-chair will also be determined. The Co-chair will be responsible for recording meeting minutes and may act as Committee Chair in the event that the official Chair cannot attend. The FHRC members will determine who the Committee Chair and Co-chair are by a majority vote. The Committee Chair will hold the position for a period of six (6) months, at which time the Co-chair will assume the position of Committee Chair.

**Terms of Members:***Initial Terms:*

In the first (2016) selection of the FHRC, three (3) members will be given a one (1) year term and four (4) members will be given two (2) year terms. If the selected members cannot determine who will make up the initial one (1) year term, the JCOS Climbing Committee will make the determination on their behalf.

*Subsequent Terms:*

After the initial one (1) year term, all subsequent terms will be two (2) years. Applications for FHRC members will be accepted once per year with the date set by JCOS. There will be no limit to the number of terms a member can serve, however, there will be no preference given to or against current or past members. After a member's term is expired, the member may reapply.

**Expectations of FHRC Members**

Members of the FHRC are expected to provide an unbiased assessment of routes and route setters. Their approval or denial recommendations will be based solely on the merit of the route and/or crag as shown in the route setter's application. Decisions of members will lack any self interest or

personal gain. FHRC meetings must be held within a reasonable time frame of application deadlines (January 15<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and August 1<sup>st</sup>) and will require a minimum of five (5) members to be present. One (1) additional meeting will be held per year for administrative purposes. Violations may result in expulsion from the FHRC.

**Voting:**

Each member of the FHRC will be granted one (1) vote per application. There must be a majority vote in favor of the application in order for the application to be recommended. In the event that an FHRC member submits an application for a new route, the route must have a majority of approving votes by FHRC members in attendance, aside from the applicant, to be considered for final approval. FHRC members will not vote for their own application.