

SUMMIT COUNTY
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

January 6, 2015

OSAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Fitch, John Uban, Todd Rankin, Blaze Panariso, Howard Brown, John Taylor, Laura Rossetter, Jeff Leigh, Terry Craig, Bob Gregory, Turk Montepare

OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Lorch, Katherine King

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT: Scott Reid – Town of Breckenridge; Susan Lee – Town of Silverthorne; Paul Semmer - USFS; Teddy Wilkinson – public

Call to Order: Turk Montepare called the meeting of the Summit County Open Space Advisory Council to order at 5:36 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted, with Turk Montepare adding one item on dog waste awareness and clean up.

Summary Report: The summary report was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes: The November 4, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Public Comments on Items Not Included in the Agenda: Turk raised the issue of the increased amount of dog poop at trailheads and the initial sections of trails. All OSAC members agreed the problem is getting progressively worse, and is now “out of control.” While signage may not change everyone’s actions, OSAC felt the message needs to be conveyed to the community that not picking up after your pet is unacceptable., Turk offered to write a letter to the editor on behalf of OSAC with staff input, and possibly have BOSAC sign it as well. Staff will also discuss other options for education and improvement on the issue.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion of Recpath Improvement Projects: Staff has a preliminary design for the improvement work on the Glory Hole, which will improve safety and drainage. They have a meeting next week to get input from the Dillon Dam security task force.

Brian Lorch has been working on the final agreements with CDOT on the Iron Springs highway realignment . CDLT and the BOCC have approved the agreements in concept, and staff is now working to incorporate feedback from GOCO. Laura Rossetter suggested that with the Town of Frisco’s recent interest in partnering on trails, perhaps they could be involved in the alignment and construction of the new trail to be built from the parking lot down to the Dickey Day Use area. Paul Semmer indicated that this was already approved by the USFS.

The letter that went out to the BRVLE was included in the OSAC packet. OSAC members are encouraged to forward it to landowners within the subdivision that might be able to make use of it. However, at this time this transaction is at a standstill with the BRVLE Board asking \$675,000 for the parcel.

Discussion of Open Space Management Activities:

The Sts. John Management Strategy reviewed by OSAC will go to BOCC work session on Jan. 26.

The GOCO grant application for 2016 RMYC work was not funded. Town and County staff have therefore decided to reduce the number of work weeks from 5 to 4, and to split the cost.

Survey work and conceptual design is nearly complete for the Green Mountain put-in. The design is for an 8-ft wide on-grade stairway with a center and side rail. The engineer on the project is looking into federal requirements, since it will be built on leased Bureau of Reclamation lands. The Bureau of Rec has also indicated they will take the lead on the necessary NEPA analysis.

The next phase of the Wellington Neighborhood was approved by the Town of Breckenridge without a bus turnaround. Recently it was proposed to put it on B&B Mines Open Space property at the entrance to County Boy Mine. This would necessitate additional paving of French Gulch Road, and a longer bus route. Alternatively, Brian Lorch has proposed a new location on County/Town land adjacent to the neighborhood. This location would meet a long-term OS goal of cleaning up of two large orange settling ponds on County/Town land. The water would be diverted and the area re-graded, with much of the rock fill material going into the ponds. The Town has money in their 2016 budget to build the turnaround. In addition to supporting the concept of clean up in conjunction with the bus turnaround, OSAC also recommended the new Wellington Trail connect with the stop. Any possibilities for the bus service and stop to decrease parking needs in the French Gulch Valley should be explored. OSAC also suggested staff look into the Wellington Neighborhood Open Space parcel as a potential location.

Laura Rossetter commented that she would like OSAC to have the opportunity to comment on the open space and trails elements of the Lake Hill development planning process. There will be more people using the area, and it could be a great opportunity to build a sustainable trail network, along with safe crossings to the Dillon Dam Recpath. Brian said he would talk with Jim Curnutte about appropriate ways to provide feedback, particularly in light of OSAC's expanded role in assisting with affordable housing efforts.

Discussion of OSAC Appointments: Staff explained that everyone whose term is expiring has reapplied, along with two new applications. OSAC discussed that all the current members have been valuable additions to the Council, and recommended that they be re-appointed. They were also comfortable with Diane as a potential new appointment, but not Arthur due to his commuting to the County. Additionally, the Chairman commented on the importance of not using OSAC as a forum for a personal agenda, and concerns that recent statements regarding county-wide forest management efforts could be misconstrued as OSAC positions.

Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Property Interests: John Uban moved to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisitions. Blaze Panariso seconded the motion. OSAC entered into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. John Uban moved to come out of Executive Session and Laura Rossetter seconded the motion. OSAC came out of Executive Session at 8:02 pm.

Other Business/Announcements: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Lorch

Brian Lorch, Open Space and Trails Director