

SUMMIT COUNTY
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

February 3, 2016

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

OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT: John Taylor, Bruce Fitch

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Lorch, Jim Curnutte, Jesse Billingham

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT: Tony Overlock – Town of Breckenridge; Susan Lee – Town of Silverthorne

Call to Order: Turk Montepare called the meeting of the Summit County Open Space Advisory Council to order at 5:34 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes: The January 6, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Public Comments on Items Not Included in the Agenda: None

Summary Report: The summary report was approved as submitted.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Open Space Accomplishments in the Snake River Basin:

Brian Lorch presented a slideshow highlighting accomplishments in the Snake River Basin. The presentation illustrated the program's success thus far, as well as the additional opportunities for land acquisition in the Snake River Basin. OSAC members suggested making the presentation available online, via flyer, as well as public group meetings. Brian Lorch stated that he intends on creating similar presentations for each basin.

Review of 2015 Goals and Accomplishments:

Brian Lorch asked OSAC members if they had any questions regarding the 2015 Goals and Accomplishments summary provided prior to the meeting. Noting new trail connection goals listed in the summary, Laura Rossetter suggested the Department consider creating a county-wide trails plan. This idea was well received. Laura Rossetter, Todd Rankin, and Blaise Panariso will work to schedule a meeting in March with Department staff to initiate discussions of a county-wide trails plan.

Discussion of Recpath Projects:

Staff has a preliminary design for the improvement work on the Dam Road Recpath near the Glory Hole, which will improve safety and drainage. Staff is working toward a timeline of completion by Memorial Day. Plan needs approval by the Denver Water Board. There is the possibility of one-way vehicle access through the construction site for approximately four weeks.

The proposal for the Freemont RecPath extension has been named one of the 16 high priority trail projects in 2016 by the Colorado Governor's Office. The County is working on additional funding opportunities. The NEPA process has been initiated with the Forest Service. Open Space received seven proposals to

conduct the NEPA work. The Forest Service will make the final selection, with input from Open Space.

Discussion of Open Space Management Activities:

Green Mountain Kayak Put-In: Open Space received an engineers estimate for an on-grade timber stairway. Estimate was brought to the BOCC. Open Space has solicited an estimate of a fabricated steel stairway as well and will evaluate the options.

Dog Issues: Open Space is looking at options for signage at trailheads. Language may include general dog owner etiquette as well as regulations on Open Space property.

French Gulch Road: Final designs for the bus turn-around on French Gulch Road near the Wellington Development are being created.

Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Property Interests:

Howard Brown moved to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisitions. Todd Rankin seconded the motion. OSAC entered into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. John Uban moved to come out of Executive Session and Howard Brown seconded the motion. OSAC came out of Executive Session at 7:47 pm.

Other Business/Announcements: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Lorch

Brian Lorch, Open Space and Trails Director