

**SUMMIT COUNTY  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
JOINT MEETING WITH BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

**April 6, 2016**

**OSAC MEMBERS PRESENT:** Todd Rankin, Blaze Panariso, Laura Rossetter, Jeff Leigh, Terry Craig, Turk Montepare, Arthur Hardin, Bruce Fitch, Bob Gregory, John Taylor, Diane Hunt

**OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT:** John Uban

**STAFF PRESENT:** Karn Stiegelmeier, Thomas Davidson, Dan Gibbs, Brian Lorch, Jim Curnutte, Katherine King, Jeff Huntley, Scott Vargo

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT:** Scott Reid - Town of Breckenridge; Rachel Winkler - CDLT, Paul Semmer - U.S. Forest Service

**Call to Order:** Turk Montepare called the meeting of the Summit County Open Space Advisory Council to order at 5:45 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted.

**Public Comments on Items Not Included in the Agenda:** None.

**Discussion with the BOCC:** After brief introductions, Turk Montepare asked the BOCC how they felt the OSAC committee was doing, and if the BOCC had particular priorities they would like OSAC to address. BOCC feedback was positive, and in particular, they referenced great work on the access issues at Quandary, opportunistic acquisitions, excellent partnerships, and the Swan River restoration project. Issues that they felt may need more attention in the future included fat biking, dog waste, RS2477 historic roads/access issues, wetland banking, and capacity issues.

Other discussion items included special event permit fees, bikes in wilderness, travel management plan implementation and consistency with County road management, long-term open space protection, and land for affordable housing.

Brian Lorch gave a presentation summarizing the 20 year history of the Open Space Program, as well as future goals and challenges.

**Approval of Minutes:** The March 2, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**Summary Report:** The Summary Report was approved as submitted.

**Election of OSAC Officers:** The OSAC nominated and unanimously voted that Turk Montepare remain as Chairman, and Bruce Fitch as Vice Chairman.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Discussion of Open Space Management Activities:**

**Bus Turnaround in French Gulch Above the Wellington Neighborhood:** A request to the EPA for funding to assist in the clean up portions of the project has been submitted, and EPA staff has indicated it is likely to be funded. David O'Neil has also pledged \$10,000 towards the project and a letter of support.

**Trails Subcommittee:** The trails subcommittee will meet April 8 from 2 - 4 pm.

**Discussion of Recpath Projects:** The USFS has given their approval for a railing to be installed on the Recpath bridge in Officer's Gulch this spring. The 30-day scoping period for the Fremont Pass Recpath has begun, during which potential issues with the project will be identified. Discussions with Denver Water Board are ongoing regarding improvements to the Dillon Dam Recpath. The goal is to improve safety and drainage. Plans include are to removing 2 bollards, raising the level of the path, installing curb and gutter to and removing the guardrail, and widening the Pathway. Unfortunately the project has stalled pending discussion of Denver Water's security concerns that the improvements will allow the public to be closer to their facilities. Due to the pace of discussions with DWB, staff anticipates the improvements will be a fall project at the earliest.

OST and Road and Bridge staff are working with the USFS to update the County's Schedule A road maintenance agreement. Both the terms of maintenance and the routes included will be reviewed. Staff would also like to ensure that County plowing of USFS trailheads is also memorialized in the agreement.

OST staff is working on an analysis of backcountry roads (RS2477 issues) - identifying properties without access, as well as those landowners who may try to block access on historically used routes.

**Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Property Interests:**

Todd Rankin moved to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisitions. Blaze Panariso seconded the motion. OSAC entered into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. Mr. Rankin moved to come out of Executive Session and Mr. Panariso seconded the motion. OSAC came out of Executive Session at 8:34pm.

**Other Business/Announcements:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Lorch

**Brian Lorch, Open Space and Trails Director**