

SUMMIT COUNTY
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

March 2, 2016

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

OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT: John Taylor, Bruce Fitch, Bob Gregory

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Lorch, Jim Curnutte, Jason Lederer

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT: Scott Reid – Town of Breckenridge; Susan Lee – Town of Silverthorne, 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 5:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes: The February 23, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Public Comments on Items Not Included in the Agenda:

Susan Lee provided an update from last week's State of the Fish presentation given by Jon Ewert, Colorado Parks and Wildlife. CPW has recommended that the Blue River below Silverthorne from approximately Hamilton Creek Road to Green Mountain Reservoir no longer be identified with Gold Metal Status, as this stretch of river has not met the criteria required for this status for the last 15+ years, and removing this designation may improve management.

Jim Curnutte provided an update and reviewed next steps for the Lake Hill property, which is being developed as workforce housing. A project consulting team was selected and contracting for the initial master planning and design is being finalized.

Summary Report: The summary report was approved as submitted.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion of Recpath Projects: Brian Lorch provided an update on the status of the Dillon Dam Recpath reconstruction in the vicinity of the glory hole. Denver Water has not approved the current plans due to concerns about the security of their operational structures. The County plans to delay this re-construction project until a design that meets both Denver Water and County goals can be agreed upon.

Discussion of Open Space Management Activities:

Bus Turnaround in French Gulch Above the Wellington Neighborhood: Brian Lorch presented a review of the proposed bus turnaround above the Wellington Neighborhood in French Creek. The Breckenridge Town Council and BOSAC have voiced their support for this project. Discussions of a cost share with EPA for the clean-up portions of the work have been productive. The OSAC provided their support for this project, and recommended looking at the potential of using Safety First Funding to cover Summit County's portion of these costs.

Trails Subcommittee: The trails subcommittee will be meeting March 4, 2016 at 1 p.m.

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 6:16 p.m. John Uban moved to come out of Executive Session and Jeff Leigh seconded the motion. OSAC came out of Executive Session at 6:50 pm.

Other Business/Announcements:

BOCC Visit During April 2016 Meeting: Brian Lorch asked the OSAC if there are specific items they would like to discuss with the Board of County Commissioners when they attend the April 2016 OSAC meeting. Ideas included:

New acquisition opportunities for Open Space and/or Workforce Housing;

Improving consistency of allowed uses on County Roads with Travel Management Plan; and

An overview of program successes to date, similar to recent presentation for the Snake River Basin.

Summit County School District: Terry Craig mentioned that the Summit County School District is close to wrapping up a Master Planning process. This includes reviewing their properties to see if there might be opportunities to include trails as a component of future development on their property. The OSAC may be able to add/contribute to this planning exercise. The School District is also looking at opportunities for workforce housing on their property.

Dog Issues: Turk Montepare repeated his concern about dog waste at trailheads managed by Open Space. Brian Lorch noted that this concern is prevalent among land management agencies and open space programs throughout Colorado. Summit County has purchased signs stating "PLEASE RESPECT OUR ENVIRONMENT, CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG *IT'S THE LAW* Resolution no. 2013-57 and will be installing the first twelve at the trailheads with the greatest winter usage. Staff has discussed this signage with Animal Control, and they felt it would assist them in their enforcement of these animal control regulations. Laura Rossetter said that she will be reaching out to LAPS to see if they might help with outreach.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Lorch

Brian Lorch, Open Space and Trails Director