

SUMMIT COUNTY
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

September 6, 2017

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

OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT: John Uban, Laura Rossetter, John Taylor

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Lorch, Katherine King, Brad Kremske, Jim Curnutte

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT: Anne Murphy - Town of Breckenridge; Susan Lee - Town of Silverthorne; Paul Semmer, Anna Bengtson - USFS;
MEMBERS OF PUBLIC SUBMITTING COMMENTS: None

Call to Order: Turk Montepare called the meeting of the Summit County Open Space Advisory Council to order at 5:38 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes: August 2, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Summary Report: The Summary Report was approved as submitted.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion of Recpath Management:

E-bikes

Brian Lorch addressed OSAC and BOCC member's inquiry for more information on e-bike regulations. As a result OS&T staff has created a survey to send out to other agencies to convey and share their management strategies. The survey will also cover current regulations on e-bikes in neighboring agencies around the state.

Discussion of Open Space Management Activities:

Town of Dillon Restrooms

The BOCC decided to allocate \$60,000 of county open space fund towards the permitting fees to the Town of Dillon for new restrooms on the recpath. The exact location of the restrooms is unknown, but will near the parking area for the Dillon Nature Preserve.

Tenderfoot Mountain Motorized Trails

The USFS has been building a motorized trail that connects Tenderfoot Mountain to Frey Gulch. The BOCC has agreed to assist in funding a reroute for a portion of this new trail. The reroute would address public concern with the trail proximity to the nearby shooting range. The new trail alignment would move the trail up slope and further from the public shooting range. RMYC will be used in the 2018 summer to construct this reroute.

Swan River Restoration

Brain Lorch discussed the status of the swan river restoration project. Over the summer 2,000 plants have installed on site. Open space staff has been working with ERC to develop an irrigation strategy to ensure successful results. With the positive results from this project we have started looking up valley at the next stretch for wetlands creation opportunities.

Landfill Trail System

Brad Kremske addressed the group and gave updates on the new landfill trail system. 90% of the trail system has been completed with the assistance of the RMYC, local and Front Range volunteer groups and a contractor machine build by Tony Boone LLC. Roughly 4 miles of trail has been built. In the next couple of weeks Open Space and Trails staff will be working with multiple volunteer groups to complete the last remaining sections of trail.

Doig Homestead

Brain Lorch brought up discussion on future management plans for the Doig Homestead and the ditch that irrigates the property. Currently the county is contracting Clay Culbreath to manage the property and ditch. Clay has notified us that he will not be doing this next year. Fletcher Flanighan of Lazy Shamrock Ranch has offered to enter into a similar lease arrangement. OSAC felt staff should evaluate whether County staff could take on the responsibility of running the ditch to irrigate the property. The group expressed concerns on operating a ditch with its remote location. Some possible options the group discussed are: contracting a local rancher to be "on call" in case of a ditch emergency or contracting another rancher to graze cattle at no cost if they agree to maintain the property.

Quandary Trail Head

Colorado University has been working with the USFS on a study of public use at the Quandary Trail Head. This study is being conducted at a master's course level. The study will look into the growing high use issues that this area has been seeing. After the completion of the study CU will make management strategy recommendations to the USFS and County to consider.

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 6:23 p.m. Turk Montepare moved to come out of Executive Session and Bruce Fitch and Jeff Leigh seconded the motion. OSAC came out of Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

Other Business/Announcements: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Lorch

Brian Lorch, Open Space and Trails Director

