

**LOWER BLUE PLANNING COMMISSION  
SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

March 1, 2018

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** George Resseguie, John Longhill, Rebekah Barrington, Michael Good, Don Langmuir, Ed Kaupas.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Don Reimer, Jim Curnutte, Cody Horn

George Resseguie, Chair, called the meeting of the Lower Blue Planning Commission to order at 5:33 p.m.

**Approval of Summary of Motions:** None available, the September 2017 summary of motions will be approved at the April LBPC meeting.

**REGULAR AGENDA.** None

**WORK SESSION.** None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

- USFS Update.
  - Bill Jackson provided an update of timber sale and fire mitigation activities in the Lower Blue and County as a whole. Over 50,000 seedlings have been replanted in cut areas. Of the 12,000 slash piles stacked within the district, all but the last 2-300 have been burned. All cutting has been outside of the Wilderness areas
  - Eagle's Nest Wilderness. Much growth in visitation, leading to impacts. Looking at visitor management options, starting with data collection and registration for overnight campers. Also seeing trailhead and parking capacity issues throughout ranger district area.
  - Ashley Nettles provided an update and summary of the Safe Passages for Wildlife project, and requested that wildlife impact policies be incorporated into the Countywide Comprehensive Plan and Basin Master Plans. 3 top priorities have been identified in the County: the east side of Vail Pass, a ten mile stretch of Highway 9 north of Silverthorne, and near Goose Pasture Tarn near Blue River.
  - Green Mountain Reservoir. Paul Semmer and Anna Bengston provided an update on the closure of "Jump Rock" and potential infestation of Quagga mussels in the reservoir. Due to the mussels, USFS is undertaking an inventory of docks and other improvements on USFS property near Heeney, and may cause removal of some of these improvements.
- Open Space and Trails update. Brian Lorch presented the "State of Open Space" report summarizing the past 20 years of Open Space and Trails accomplishments. The report is available on the OST website.
- Planning Commission applicant interviews. The Lower Blue Planning Commission interviewed Jim Donlan, David Domzal, Laura Johnston, and Ned Walley for the three

vacancies on the LBPC, and made recommendations that Don Reimer will provide to the BOCC for their consideration.

- Countywide Comprehensive Plan update. Don Reimer and Ed Kaupas gave a summary of the status of the update to the CWCP. Work has slowed due to changes in department staffing, new priorities such as short-term rentals, and the number of current planning projects throughout the County. Work on the CWCP will begin again in the coming months, with completion desired in summer 2018.
- Lower Blue Master Plan update. The LB Master Plan will likely be the next plan to be updated, starting in the Fall of 2018.
- Short-term rentals. Staff provided an update on the drafting of short-term rental regulations.
- Staff and the LBPC thanked George Ressugie for his 12 years of service on the LBPC, as he has reached term limits.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Reimer, Planning Director