

SUMMIT COUNTY  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

March 6, 2013

OSAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Redner, Art Girtten, Lynn Amstutz, Jeff Leigh, Turk Montepare, Bruce Fitch, Tim Scanlan, Russ Camp, Laura Rossetter, Howard Brown, Todd Rankin, Terry Craig

OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Lorch, Katie Kent

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT: Scott Reid - Town of Breckenridge, Dave Bittner – CDLT, Matt Brewer

Call to Order: Chairman Turk Montepare called the meeting of the Summit County Open Space Advisory Council to order at 5:36 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved with the addition of “Election of Officers”.

Approval of Minutes: The February 6, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Summary Report: The summary report was approved as submitted.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Public Comments on Items Not Included in the Agenda: None

**Election of OSAC Officers:** Lynn Amstutz made a motion that current OSAC Chair Turk Montepare, and Co-Chair Art Girtten, remain in office. Russ Camp seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by OSAC members.

Update on Open Space Management Activities:

Summer 2013 Volunteer Projects: The summer 2013 volunteer schedule is filling up. Two dates to mark on the calendar are: 1) May 16, 2013: 5:30-7:00, the spring kick-off party and 2) June 1, 2013 is the Annual Bristlecone Tree Planting Day. The Adopt-a-Trail/Open Space Program will have some available sections/parcels if anyone knows of any interested groups. Volunteers can also adopt natural surface trails.

Swan River Restoration: The BOCC approved allocating water rights to facilitate creation of a natural stream channel. The Blue River Watershed Group is compiling a draft conceptual plan for 2 ½ miles of the river with funding assistance from the Town, County and Colorado Water Conservation Board. Everest Materials is working on a plan to incorporate the basic stream restoration into their mining plan. As a next step, the project will need a Conditional Use Permit from the Upper Blue Planning Commission.

Pennsylvania Mine: Based on extensive efforts to enter the mine and evaluate sources of flows within the mine in 2012, it has been determined that approximately 2/3 of the water coming out of the mine may be relatively clean water coming from the back of the mine. The EPA has published a Draft Action Memorandum identifying next steps. This report identifies installation of 1-3 bulkheads within the mine to reduce the flow of water out of the mine by diverting the clean water. The EPA is working on commitments that would bring about \$4.2 million to address environmental concerns at the site.

Tenderfoot Mountain: The Forest Service has agreed to facilitate meetings with parties who raised concerns. The County has agreed to pay for the process and the Keystone Center is being contracted to facilitate the effort.

Highway 9 widening at Iron Springs: The project is continuing to move forward, with the design indicating that there will be approximately five foot shoulders on the Highway. Staff has had several meetings with stakeholders and CDOT to address community and Forest Service concerns, and the Forest Service appears to be on board with the plans so far. The current plan calls for Recpath sections connected into the peninsula and old Highway 6 to allow for a continuous Recpath around the lake without having to cross Highway 9. Three underpasses will be constructed, one for wildlife and two for the Recpath; all will meet size requirements for wildlife crossings. With regards to Dickey Day Use area, a parking lot will be located behind the sledding hill along Recreation Way, and a Recpath connection will connect the parking area with the existing Recpath.

Vail Pass: The Forest Service is working on creating a temporary permit this year for businesses that shuttle bikers to the top of Vail Pass to ride down the Recpath. Since this is considered a commercial use, the Forest Service is considering multiple options to regulate it.

Update on Recpath Projects:

Ten Mile Canyon Recpath: The Ten Mile Extension Recpath Project is currently out to bid with the bid opening rescheduled for March 6, 2013.

Hoosier Pass Recpath Feasibility Study: The draft report will be produced in mid-March with Community Workshops held the third week in March for any interested community members in Park and Summit County. Feedback from potentially affected property owners has brought a few parcels to OS&T's attention which will be evaluated for alternative alignments. The feasibility study is still on track to be completed by June 1, 2013.

Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Property Interests: Russ Camp moved to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisitions. Lynn Amstutz seconded the motion. OSAC entered into Executive Session at 6:08 pm. Lynn Amstutz moved to come out of Executive Session and Russ Camp seconded the motion. OSAC came out of Executive Session at 6:32 pm.

Other Business/Announcements: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brian Lorch*

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