

**SUMMIT COUNTY
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

August 14, 2013

OSAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Leigh, Turk Montepare, Russ Camp, Howard Brown, Todd Rankin, Terry Craig, Bruce Fitch, Art Girten

OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Scanlan, Lynn Amstutz, Laura Rossetter, Nancy Redner

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Lorch, Katherine King, Jim Curnutte

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT: Chris Kulick - Town of Breckenridge

Call to Order: Chairman Turk Montepare called the meeting of the Summit County Open Space Advisory Council to order at 5:37 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes: The July 10, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Summary Report: The summary report was approved as submitted. The report referenced the purchase of 20 acres of the John J. Placer, which is now under contract for \$450,000 with the County and Town of Breckenridge. The contract is contingent upon a covenant being placed on the portion of the land to be retained by the landowner, which will provide public access to that portion from French Creek to the south. OSAC congratulated Brian Lorch on his negotiations with the landowner and their successful outcome.

REGULAR AGENDA:

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

Update on Open Space Management Activities: The VOC project to realign the Sidedoor Trail came out well, with the Town of Breckenridge taking the lead. The County will lead a VOC project at Clinton Reservoir this weekend; all OSAC members are invited to attend.

The Muggins Gulch grading and re-contouring east of the entrance is underway and is proceeding as planned.

The EA for the proposed hut in Weber Gulch has been released, with the public comment period to close on September 11th. Staff encouraged OSAC to attend an open house on the EA being held at the ice rink August 22nd at 5:30, and to submit their comments either individually or as a committee to the BOCC. OSAC responded that they are still generally in favor of the hut, but that their biggest concern was parking management in French Gulch and the lack of parking at the Baldy Trailhead. They also felt the parking lot to be constructed in French Gulch should only be open in the winter, and that Summit Huts should advocate the use of the free bus system up to Baldy from the ice rink.

Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Property Interests: Jeff Leigh moved to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisitions. Bruce Fitch seconded the motion. OSAC entered into Executive Session at 6:13 pm. Russ Camp moved to come out of Executive Session and Todd Rankin seconded the motion. OSAC came out of Executive Session at 6:57 pm.

Other Business/Announcements: Howard Brown initiated a discussion on USFS planned cutting units and the results from previous cuts. He has talked directly with USFS personnel about not clear cutting some trails, including Harrigan Creek and Columbine Ranch. His concern is over the resulting trail experience, as well as the species diversity that currently exists and may regenerate if the areas aren't clear cut. He invited other OSAC members to walk some of the planned cutting units with him and make comments to the USFS.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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