

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

April 2, 2014

OSAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Leigh, Laura Rossetter, Lynn Amstutz, Russ Camp, Howard Brown, Todd Rankin, Bruce Fitch, John Uban

OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Turk Montepare, Art Girten

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Lorch, Katherine King, Jim Curnutte

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT: Leigh Girvin – CDLT; Scott Reid – Town of Breckenridge; Phil and Barbara Gibbs; Drew Goldsmith

Call to Order: Russ Camp called the meeting of the Summit County Open Space Advisory Council to order at 5:35p.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes: The February 5, 2014 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: Leigh Girvin of CDLT informed OSAC of a recent policy change to the Colorado Conservation Tax Credit that allows non-profits and HOAs to be eligible to apply for the credit. This is great news for non-profits that own/acquire land, and could now receive a significant tax benefit.

Drew Goldsmith presented a new proposal to OSAC on the access easement he needs to the Athol, and his future development plans for the St. Paul. In exchange for the Town and County granting him an easement across open space property, Drew indicated a willingness to restrict the uses on the St. Paul to a 750 sq. ft. cabin. He will do a parcel assemblage on all his 8 mining claims outside of the Athol and St. Paul, transferring the density to increase the square footage of his proposed home on the Athol. He has offered to then deed these properties to the County (though the Land Use Code provides that the County will wind up with the claims automatically.)

OSAC and BOSAC had initially directed staff to ask Drew to sell the St. Paul, as their preference would be not see any development on the site. Drew reiterated that he and his family are sentimentally attached to the St. Paul and hiking and camping there, and are not interested in selling it. Drew commented that the USFS has indicated they are 'ok' with him accessing the St. Paul across Forest Service lands, if he has legal access across Town and County lands first. Drew is willing to subdivide the St. Paul and deed the two-acre portion adjacent to open space to the Town and County. He is also willing to work on a potential trail alignment through the property. In exchange he requested payment of \$40,000. OSAC thanked Drew for coming and let him know they would discuss his proposal in Executive Session.

Discussion of Agenda for Joint OSAC/BOCC meeting: Staff reminded OSAC that the joint OSAC/BOCC meeting is next month. During a brief discussion on potential agenda items, OSAC mentioned the following: acquisition priorities, winter recreation management on County roads, Green

Mountain Camp river access/Blue River access, Recpath projects, workforce housing needs/updates, trailhead capacity, and management of Sts. John. Staff will provide the BOCC with this list of potential topics.

Update on Open Space Management Activities: The volunteer kick-off party is scheduled for May 13th at 5:30 pm at the Frisco Nordic Center. All members of OSAC are invited to attend.

Staff is in the process of hiring two full-time summer seasonal workers. After nine years with Summit County, Brad Eckert has accepted a position with Denver Mountain Parks. OSAC mentioned that it would be a tough job to fill, thanked Brad for his commitment and success – especially on the Recpath projects, and wished him the best.

Paul Cada with the CO State Forest Service will be monitoring 1 – 5 year old forest cuts on open space properties this summer. The goal is to document baseline conditions for ongoing monitoring of the cuts.

The Muggins Gulch developer is ready to put in utilities along Muggins Gulch Road for the new subdivision. The County/Town and USFS would like to see the road realignment of Muggins Gulch (as it pertains to the Swan River restoration project) done at the same time, but the developer is concerned about timing and possible delays. The USFS has released the EA but not given their official approval, and has \$30,000 appropriated to the project. There will likely need to be some contribution from the Town and County as well.

The BOCC has indicated that they are supportive of the FOLB acquiring Slate Creek Hall, and helping them to resolve parking issues and possibly provide public access to the Blue River. The County Weed Department will be giving a weed education class at the hall on July 17th.

Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Property Interests: Bruce Fitch moved to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisitions. John Uban seconded the motion. OSAC entered into Executive Session at 7:00pm. Lynn Amstutz moved to come out of Executive Session and Mr. Uban seconded the motion. OSAC came out of Executive Session at 8:20pm.

Other Business/Announcements: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Lorch

Brian Lorch, Open Space and Trails Director