

SUMMIT COUNTY
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

July 9, 2014

OSAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Leigh, Laura Rossetter, Lynn Amstutz, Howard Brown, Todd Rankin, Bruce Fitch, John Uban, Turk Montepare, Art Girten, Terry Craig

OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Russ Camp

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Lorch, Katherine King, Jim Curnutte

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT: Leigh Girvin – CDLT; Cecile Warner – CDLT

Call to Order: Turk Montepare 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 June 4, 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 their upcoming Wild about Colorado event. She also mentioned that the EA for Iron Springs was released July 8th, and the public comment period ends August 8th. There will be a public open house on the EA July 29th from 4:30 – 6:30. OSAC briefly discussed the need for a well-built natural surface trail connection from the new Dickey Day Use area (which will be at the light for the hospital) to the reservoir.

Howard Brown asked what the reasons would be to support the Highway 9 realignment through Iron Springs. Leigh explained that it provides better wetland protection and wildlife movement, would be a net gain of protected land acreage, would be a safer and shorter highway alignment, and would result in a more scenic Recpath alignment along the lake. OSAC members were requested to review the EA and provide comments to CDOT as individuals, rather than on behalf of the OSAC.

Update on Open Space Management Activities:

The EPA will be contributing \$100-\$150,000 towards the new bridge on Montezuma Road, as part of their need to access the Penn Mine clean-up site. OSAC commented that the County did an excellent job reopening the road, but that they hoped the new bridge would be wider to better accommodate cyclists.

Staff and CDLT encouraged OSAC members to attend the upcoming VOC event July 27-28 on T u Trail k ' s extension.

Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Property Interests: Lynn Amstutz moved to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisitions. Jeff Leigh seconded the motion. OSAC entered into Executive Session at 6:20pm. Lynn Amstutz moved to come out of Executive Session and John Uban seconded the motion. OSAC came out of Executive Session at 7:55pm.

Other Business/Announcements: OSAC asked for an update on the Indiana Creek access issues. The Town of Blue River is supposed to be taking the lead, and Brian will follow up with the M Office. Laura Rossetter mentioned that illegal camping is occurring at the M Creek TH and it needs to be signed appropriately so that the regulations can be enforced. Staff will ensure 'no camping' signs are put up.

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ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Lorch, Open Space and Trails Director