

SUMMIT COUNTY  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

**October 8, 2014**

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

**OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Leigh, Terry Craig

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Lorch, Katie Kent, Jim Curnutte

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT: Leigh Girvin – CDLT; Chris Kulick– Town of Breckenridge; Jeff Cospolich – BOSAC; Larissa O’Neil – Breckenridge Heritage Alliance; Jeff Westcott- interested citizen. Paul Semmer – USFS.

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

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes: The September 3, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Summary Report: The summary report was approved as submitted. Brian Lorch gave an update that the cabin has been removed from Hunter. Turk Montepare stated that sometime over the next few months he would like an overview of the scope of forest cuts in the Golden Horseshoe.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Public Comments on Items Not Included in the Agenda:** Leigh Girvin commented that she will be leaving her position during the spring of 2015. Jeff Westcott informed OSAC that there is a link online which has information on the Golden Horseshoe timber cuts and he has confirmed that none of the cuts are located in areas that the Historical Resource subcommittee group had identified previously. OSAC discussed the widening and other impacts that have been occurring to the roads, primarily Prospect Gulch Road, and how they would be restored afterwards. OSAC encouraged Brian Lorch to meet with Scott Reid and the Forest Service to talk about the opportunities with the road restoration.

**Recognition of Past OSAC members Russ Camp and Art Girten:** Brian Lorch stated that Russ Camp would not be in attendance and so his portion on the agenda would be carried over to a future meeting. OSAC commended Art Girtin for his time on the committee, especially his interest and dedication to the Recpath.

**Discussion of Reiling Dredge:** Brian Lorch explained to OSAC that the BOCC would like an OSAC recommendation on the Reiling Dredge Preservation Master Plan. Larissa O’Neil gave an overview of what the Breckenridge Historical Alliance would like to move forward with for Phase 1 – i.e. reinforcing the deck to stabilize timbers and have a hydrology study completed to determine if the water level could be raised and what it would cost. O’Neil explained that in the future they would like to consider re-erecting the cabin walls and gantry beams but that would be examined after Phase 1 was completed. O’Neil explained that the Heritage Alliance understands the both the Town and County have concerns over the draft Master Plan and having the dredge and all associated rock designated as a National Register for Historic Places. OSAC discussed the National Register for Historic Places designation and determined they would prefer stream

restoration to be a future option, which would not be allowed if designated a historic place. OSAC emphasized that in the past with historic sites, they have preferred preservation over restoration although recognized that could change over time. OSAC stated that it was important the draft plan contain the Town and County's input and recommendations; not just the State's recommendation since they differ. The language added should also emphasize the need for stream and landscape restoration to occur. OSAC recommended that the BOCC support the 50% contribution towards the \$110,000 Phase 1, and emphasize that they may partner in the next phase but will not commit at this point in time. In addition, future contributions, if made, may be for less than 50%.

Discussion of Open Space Management Activities:

Brian Lorch gave an update on the County's timber cuts in the Gold Run Nordic Center area, which have been under contract for over a year and should be completed in two weeks. All material is being chipped and sent to Gypsum.

The Swan River Restoration is ongoing and staff will be pursuing grant sources over the next six months. The Forest Service has committed money and there should be financial opportunities from Fish and Wildlife along with Fishing is Fun and other sources.

CDOT has released their initial plans for the Highway and Recpath through Iron Springs and is seeking input from the County. The plans will be discussed further after staff review and as the project moves forward.

Katie Kent gave an overview of summer volunteer and seasonal work. Some highlights included the large amount of new trail construction and realignments including ZL trail, Galena Ditch trail and Blue River trail. In addition, a considerable amount of time was spent cleaning up the Sts. John site, Laurium site and Candler property. This included close to 11,000 pounds of refuse being brought to the landfill. In addition, Paul Molnar and Brad Kremske were able to install all Recpath mile markers and GPS locations which have been sent to Emergency Services to improve their response to incidents which are called in on the Recpath. The total number of volunteer hours calculated was approximately 1,055.50 hours which equates to \$23,801.53 of work provided by volunteers.

Brian Lorch reminded the Council of the ballot measure coming up in November involving a mill levy for ambulance, communications center and water quality enhancement projects.

Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Property Interests: Lynn Amstutz moved to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisitions. John Uban seconded the motion. OSAC entered into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. Lynn Amstutz moved to come out of Executive Session and John Uban seconded the motion. OSAC came out of Executive Session at 8:10p.m.

Other Business/Announcements: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brian Lorch*

Brian Lorch, Open Space and Trails Director