

### ***Roll Call***

Matt Stais called the February 9, 2009 BOSAC meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. Other BOSAC members present included Jeff Cospolich, Monique Merrill, David Rossi, Ellen Hollinshead, Dennis Kuhn and Scott Yule. Staff members present were Heide Andersen, Scott Reid, Mark Truckey, Scott Cline, and Peter Grosshuesch. Art Girten from OSAC was present. Bill Foundren, president of the Saddlewood Homeowners Association, was also present.

### ***Approval of Minutes***

The minutes were approved as presented.

### ***Approval of Agenda***

The agenda was approved as presented.

### ***Public Comments***

There were no public comments.

### **Staff Summary**

Ms. Andersen: There will be a ribbon cutting for the Hoodoo Voodoo trail on 2/14 at 11:30 am (with a 10:00 am time trial). BOSAC should also know about the upcoming joint Town Council/BOSAC meeting at 6:00 pm on 3/10.

### **Open Space and Trails**

#### **Snowflake Trail**

Mr. Reid provided an overview of the grade issues related to the ski back on Snowflake Trail. The trail currently requires homeowners and short term renters to shuffle or walk to continue down the ski trail. Homeowners have requested consideration by BOSAC as follows: Should the trail on the F&D Placer (Town open space) be modified by bridge or other means to improve the grade? Is BOSAC willing to help fund such an effort?

Bill Foundren: I represent the Saddlewood HOA along the Snowflake Trail. We need a more constant pitch to get down the trail. Last summer, I spoke with Rick Sramek and he offered two solutions: 1) Approach the Town, since the route crosses Town property. 2) Anticipated improvements to C Chair could improve the overall grade in the area. For us, this is an issue of getting off the mountain. The dam appears to go uphill. We could potentially regrade that slope as well. Snowflake serves nine different subdivisions and the Snowflake Lift. There is a considerable amount of traffic on that run. We are receiving complaints from renters, ResortQuest and homeowners about the grade and request BOSAC consider a bridge or other approach to help address the issue.

Mr. Stais: There are some similarities between this and the access to Grand Timber Lodge. The agreement was that the BSA would groom, but there would be no snowmaking. The ski resort is maintaining this run for ski in access, not to get to the bottom of Snowflake. Perhaps we need to work more closely with representatives from

the ski area to research this issue more fully. You could potentially improve the grooming to improve the grade. The ski resort grooms all these trails. Clearly, this does not function optionally. A dialogue with the ski resort is the place to start.

Mr. Kuhn: Any associated costs should be borne by the homeowners, not the open space program.

Mr. Rossi: I agree.

Ms. Merrill: I don't think this really falls under our purview or our budget.

Ms. Hollinshead: This does not need a bridge. We don't want to encourage more summer use there. This is a winter-only trail that needs a winter-only solution.

BOSAC directed staff to work with the ski area representatives to pursue grooming solutions to this problem. There also may be some wetland issues to be considered with additional snowpack in the area.

### **COSA Conference**

Ms. Andersen: The Town of Breckenridge is hosting the Colorado Open Space Alliance on Sept 20-22, 2009. BOSAC members are encouraged to attend sessions and help lead field trips.

### **French Gulch Trail**

Scott Reid outlined the proposed trail changes along French Gulch Road at the Wellington Neighborhood. Those include a new connection from the corner of Reiling Road and Wellington Road, straight across to Rodeo Drive, and a second new trail paralleling French Gulch Road, which on the current workplan is intended to be crusher fine, with no winter maintenance. In visiting the site with Public Works staff, the question arose of whether the portion up to Midnight Sun should be paved.

Mr. Rossi: My concern is losing more trees. The main goal should be to address the dangerous three-way corner.

BOSAC directed staff to work with Public Works to pave the connection between the junction of Wellington Road and Reiling Road, to the junction of Rodeo Drive and Olivia Lane. The remainder of the trail proposal (the second trail along French Gulch Road) will be removed from the work plan altogether.

### **BOSAC Retreat Discussion**

Ms. Andersen provided an overview of the proposed BOSAC retreat on 2/12.

BOSAC approved the draft agenda for the retreat.

### **Commissioner Issues**

Mr. Cospolich: There are lights on in the Wellington Oro Water Treatment plant. Can we get that light taken care of? (Staff will check on this issue again.)

Ms. Hollinshead: I like the sign on Sallie Barber. Can we put one on the top of Sallie Barber as well? I am concerned about losing the Sisler Trail, the hillside across from Vista Point. We need to get special use authorization for that route, in case the USFS exchanges that land out of public ownership.

BOSAC directed staff to pursue construction of the Sisler Trail, including within the right of way in front of the Johnson's property and on the National Forest land across the road from Vista Point.

***Next Meeting***

The BOSAC retreat is scheduled for 2:00 pm on 2/12 at the Gold Run Nordic Center clubhouse.

The next regularly scheduled BOSAC meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on March 9, 2009 in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Ms. Hollinshead motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Yule seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Matt Stais, Chair