

Roll Call

Dennis Kuhn called the May 17, 2010 BOSAC meeting to order at 5:41 pm. Other BOSAC members present included Scott Yule, Monique Merrill, Devon O'Neil, and Jeff Cospolich. Staff members present were Heide Andersen, Scott Reid, Mark Truckey, Peter Grosshuesch, and Scott Cline.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

Approval of Agenda

An executive session was added to the agenda.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Staff Summary

Summer Trail Map

Mr. Kuhn: Thanks to Mona and Jeff for their help with the trail map subcommittee. I'm happy to see the map printed on time.

Bike Lane Striping and Signage

Mr. Kuhn: I was in Denver this past weekend and saw the new B-Cycles program. It is essentially a loaner bike program where you can grab a bike from a bike rack, rent the bike for a time period, and then return the bike at other racks around the city. The first half hour is free. Even a full day is only about five dollars. This could also fit into a sponsorship model (e.g. Pepsi as a sponsor in Denver). It would be great to see that in Breckenridge to help get folks around town on bikes.

Open Space and Trails

River Trail Project

Mr. Reid provided an overview of the River Trail project, both for the 2010 field season and for the potential for bridge replacement and installation in the coming years.

Mr. Cospolich: What is the estimated cost for the 2010 project? (Approximately \$15,000)

Mr. Kuhn: I like the idea of installing informational signage along the trail, similar to Rustler's Loop in Fruita. Also, we should consider ways to program beginner clinics and classes on that trail through the Recreation Center. What is the timing and locations of the parks outlined on the Blue River Corridor Master Plan? (The parks are pulled away from the river and are tied to the development of Block 11.)

Mr. Cospolich: I like the project. This is very accessible to a lot of people. I don't see a need for the large bridge. I am lukewarm on the east side of the river trail, due to costs. I would keep the

existing River Trail bridge where it is as long as possible, until we are sure it needs to be replaced.

Mr. O'Neil: I think this project fills a void. We have very few easy trails and this project seems necessary to me. I'm not that supportive of the large bridge proposal. It seems like a high cost and the need is not that strong.

Mr. Yule: I agree. I'd like to see how the existing bridge on the River Trail holds for a few years. I question whether the large bridge is necessary.

Ms. Merrill: Let's wait on the bridges until we really need to build or replace them. As it is, this is not a beginner trail. In the future, this will be used as the standard for a beginner trail in this area. We have to do this project.

BOSAC agreed to pursue the 2010 project and wait on any bridge replacement or installation until a further need is demonstrated.

Master IGA

Ms. Andersen outlined the background of the joint open space purchases and management and the development of IGA's between the Town and County. This agreement separates jointly funded and jointly owned properties and outlines the management approach for each property type. This document would essentially place another level of protection on the open space properties. This agreement would force both entities to agree prior to selling open space. This document goes to the BOCC and Town Council, but wanted BOSAC to understand the agreement.

Mr. Truckey: One question: does the County want to help manage the wedge parcel, for which the County committed a 50% share?

Mr. Lorch: No, the County does not want to play a role in the management of the wedge or Cucumber Gulch. But, to handle that we could define the parcel as a jointly funded parcel, rather than jointly owned or find another way to exclude it from the list so that it is clear that the Town is responsible for its management. Over all, this document will help us standardize the way we have been doing business and will help define the roles for each entity.

Ms. Andersen: This document also calls out management plans when deemed necessary which would help with more specific info per parcel.

BOSAC approved moving ahead with the agreement with no edits.

Sustainability Action Plan

Mr. Truckey outlined the process and progress regarding the Sustainability Action Plan. The plan was based on the 2030 vision, portions of which were identified as problematic by Council. The committee wanted to address any issues such as traffic, water, etc. and make choices now that will help improve the picture in 2030. There are a few issues closely related to open space:

Wildlife habitat- we need some more information on wildlife habitat strengths and weaknesses and a wildlife habitat plan basin-wide for development review.

Ms. Andersen: We are now pooling wildlife information from various sources. We then intend to write a plan to help identify wildlife corridors and needs for protection, etc. The plan will also address nuisance wildlife as well.

Mr. Truckey: We may even place a priority on acquiring open space parcels that are identified as important wildlife habitat or corridors. We could also increase the size of riparian setback requirements. Energy and carbon footprint reduction goals will be included in this plan, as will forest health and wildfire issues. Wildfire expectations and response for reducing fuel loads are important considerations. Sedimentation in Goose Pasture Tarn could be a direct result of a large wildfire in the watershed upstream. I would encourage BOSAC members be involved in this process. We have a kickoff event on June 21st at Beaver Run to start gathering public input and encourage involvement in the community.

Mr. Grosshuesch: This is a follow up to the Vision Plan. The structure is still in place with this document.

Ms. Andersen: On a somewhat related issue, we have a concerned citizen reporting coyotes near Carter Park. The Police Department acquired nine signs for display around town- signs created by the Colorado Division of Wildlife. There will be signs at some trailheads. We'll keep you posted on this issue.

Commissioner Issues

Mr. O'Neil: Writing a thank you letter might go a long way to engendering more support for trails around town. Having all of BOSAC sign and send a personalized letter to easement owners thanking them for the easement across their property might be a worthwhile effort, and I am willing to take on a role in that so we can thank those who have trail easements across their properties.

Ms. Merrill: Can we install temporary signs on trails to close them for mud season? It would be great to also have that information on the town website.

Mr. Cospolich: Trail condition information is critical. The website information would be really helpful addition. Social media would also be a good way to reach out to a large number of locals and visitors. In Boulder, they have a visitor-run arrow sign to allow people to select which conditions apply to the trail at the time. Also a note board for getting the word out about trail conditions to the trail users.

Mr. Yule: I would request a Cucumber site visit for next month. 4:00 on 6/14 behind Town Hall. (BOSAC agreed to this recommendation.)

Mr. Kuhn: I like the new signage on the recpath. I am concerned about the "Blue River Plaza" language and would prefer "Town Center". (Council sought to direct people to the Welcome Center, which is also included on the signs.) I would like to see consistency between the Town

and County signage and informational signage. It would be great to coordinate between jurisdictions. (Mr. Lorch: Management level in Town versus other areas is different. Ms. Andersen: Perhaps we can rely on SFTS for this?) Where are we regarding the dog waste station? (To be installed this week or next.) When is town clean up? (This Saturday, May 22.)

Executive Session

Ms. Merrill motioned to enter into executive session to discuss property acquisition and negotiation. Mr. Yule seconded the motion. BOSAC entered into executive session at 7:16 pm. Ms. Merrill made a motion to exit executive session and Mr. O'Neil seconded the motion. BOSAC ended the executive session at 7:42 pm.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled BOSAC meeting is on June 14, 2010 (note date change) at 5:30 pm in the Administrative Conference Room in the Breckenridge Town Hall (150 Ski Hill Road). A 4:00 site visit on mountain bikes is scheduled prior to the meeting in Cucumber Gulch and Peak 7-8 trail with the Breckenridge ski area.

Ms. Merrill motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Cospolich seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Dennis Kuhn, Chair