

Roll Call

Jeff Cospolich called the February 28, 2011 BOSAC meeting to order at 5:33 pm. Other BOSAC members present included Scott Yule, and Devon O'Neil. Erin Hunter arrived at 5:43. Staff members present were Scott Reid, Peter Grosshuesch, Chris Kulick, Mike Barney and Mark Truckey. Brian Lorch from Summit County and Turk Montepare were 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

Cucumber Gulch Nighttime Operations

Staff summarized that the Daytons agreed to Council's conditions for conducting nighttime snowshoe tours. So far only six tours have been booked this year.

Mr. Cospolich: Is Josie's cabin in good shape or has it been vandalized again?

Mr. Reid: Yes it is in good shape with no recent vandalism. We will install a combination lock to better secure the cabin after hours.

Mr. Truckey: Council also expressed some concern about nighttime skiers in Cucumber Gulch Preserve.

Mr. Cospolich: Did you get a sense that the night time snowshoeing operation was below the Dayton's expectations in terms of interest?

Mr. Reid: The Daytons have stated that they like to offer a full entrée of options at the Nordic center, and don't expect this program to ever attract huge participation.

Open Space and Trails

Forest Health Update

Staff outlined the progress that has occurred in since 2008 regarding forest health and mountain pine beetle management on open space parcels. Town had completed work on most of the recommended parcels and is on the verge of meeting the "three year" goal. By the end of 2011, 95 percent of the work outlined in the 2008 plan will have been completed. Additional work will occur this year in the Golden Horseshoe. Much of the work completed thus far has been grant funded and the 2011 grant application has been submitted. This year's cuts will be very visible and are intended to improve forest health and establish a functional fuel brake with other work already completed and scheduled. Part of the goal is to prevent a fire from the backcountry spreading to the populated areas and vice versa.

Mr. Cospolich: Where exactly are the Detroit Placer and Trapper's Glen cuts?

Mr. Reid: The Detroit Placer cut includes the power line chipping that was done last year by Xcel and was planned to include the power line cut. The Trapper's Glen cut is just below the ski area maintenance building.

Mr. Truckey: To clarify, Dry Gulch is our property just above John Cooney's property.

Mr. Yule: Who are we contracting for these cuts?

Mr. Reid: Due to the scale of these properties we likely need a large scale logger. Many local contractors may not have the capacity for a project of this scale. We are hoping for a cost savings per acre due to the size of the job.

Mr. Montepare: Who does Vail Resorts use for the massive clearings like the ski runs on Peak 7 (No one knew the answer to this question.

Mr. Lorch: At the Mesa Cortina parcel we contracted a larger scale operation similar to what VR has historically used.

Mr. Cospolich: This is all under the forest treatment line item in the pro-forma?

Mr. Truckey: Yes, a good portion of the money we are spending for these treatments is getting reimbursed back through grants.

Mr. Reid: Most of these grants are funded through the State. However, this funding may dry up quickly due to budget cuts at the State level.

Mr. Yule: What kind of calls or complaints are we getting due to these types of cuts?

Mr. Reid: We are getting all types of responses, good and bad. Overall we have not received as many responses as you would expect. I think people are starting to better understand that we are trying to manage a forest in transition.

Trail Use Data

Staff explained that Tony Overlock put the trail data together with graphic aids. Staff outlined where the various counters are located and the use patterns of the various trails. Staff emphasized that it is important to count the number of passes rather than the number of individual users. The biggest usage numbers are at the Peabody trailhead. Additionally both Sallie Barber & B&B Trails are getting a lot of use. B&B use has grown from last year.

Mr. O'Neil: Where is the Sallie Barber counter located?

Mr. Reid: At the gate on the Lincoln Townsite side.

Mr. Cospolich: Are all the counters being used?

Mr. Reid: Yes, they are all in use but will all be relocated to Cucumber Gulch this summer. We could use more counters to better see year to year change in usage. Counts provide useful information for management, grant writing, etc.

Pro Forma

We have to be conservative with acquisitions going forward in 2011. We have less than \$330,000 budgeted in acquisitions for 2011. The MBJ acquisition is absorbed into the pro-forma, if we put the Wedge back in the pro-forma it will put us deep into the negative. However, if the Wedge and Claimjumper become available, the Council may decide to loan the open space fund money from a different Town fund. Looking to the future we can adjust the pro-forma to decrease anticipated forest health costs. However, an increase in clean-up costs at the B&B parcel is also expected. In the future, we may have to establish a special fund to pay for replacement costs for the treatment plant.

Mr. Montepare: Is the plant producing any positive results? Could we shut the plant down if we continue to not see any positive results?

Mr. Reid: It is functioning as expected so far, but we are still working within the EPA's performance period. We will have to see how well it functions over time, then discuss any potential operational changes with the EPA. Most likely, there are other sources of heavy metals in the drainage that are also going into French Creek.

Mr. Truckey: Overall, the current pro-forma is good shape for the next ten years.

Ms. Hunter: Are we getting a good interest rate on ours notes?

Mr. Montepare: Tim Gagen watches those rates like a hawk; we have good interest rates on our notes.

Mr. Cospolich: Looks like there is place holder for the Wellington Bridge.

Mr. Reid: We were going to delay any construction or even discussion of the Wellington Bridge until more of the Wellington Neighborhood units are constructed.

Executive Session

Devon O'Neil motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition. Mr. Yule seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. BOSAC entered into Executive Session at 6:22 pm. Ms. Hunter made a motion to exit Executive Session; Mr. Cospolich seconded the motion. BOSAC came out of Executive Session at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Issues

Mr. Reid: Tim Gagen has requested BOSAC look at big picture items instead of airing commissioner issues at the end of BOSAC meetings. If the commissioners have issues in the future, please contact staff directly. Staff will either handle the issue, or schedule it on the agenda for a future BOSAC discussion.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on March 21, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the Administrative Conference Room in the Breckenridge Town Hall (150 Ski Hill Road).

Mr. Yule motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. O'Neil seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Jeff Cospolich, Vice Chair