

***Roll Call***

Dennis Kuhn called the July 18, 2011 BOSAC meeting to order at 5:36 pm. Other BOSAC members present included Scott Yule, Devon O’Neil, Mike Dudick, and Jeff Cospolich. Staff members present were Peter Grosshuesch, Mark Truckey, Scott Reid and Chris Kulick. Brian Lorch from Summit County, Gary Shimanowitz, Jeff Zimmerman and Jack Ruple from the Breckenridge Ski Area were also in attendance. Turk Montepare was also present for the Executive Session discussion.

***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.

**Open Space and Trails**

**Peaks Connect Bridge**

Mr. Reid – This a follow-up to last month’s site visit. The impetus for constructing a bridge is to keep users out of the Gulch to create a connection from the Peaks Trail to the new trail alignments down Four O’ Clock Run.

Mr. Shimanowitz presented a cost estimate of \$89,000 to construct a bridge over Alpine Slide.

Mr. Ruple – Temporary signs from the Peaks Trail, through the resort, to the Timber Trail area have been installed. An alternate route to the bridge has been preliminarily explored. The alternate connection would consist of a new section of trail being constructed beginning three miles back from the peaks trailhead and climb 300’ feet to the summit of the Alpine Slide. We would need USFS approval to make this happen, though.

Mr. Zimmerman – The location for the bridge works but cost will be a factor. It would require a long span, over a hundred feet in two sections.

Mr. Shimanowitz – If the bridge is built the bike trail may not be open until mid July due to future summer tubing hill operations.

Mr. O’Neil – What is the cost for the alternate trail alignment?

Mr. Shimanowitz – Approximately \$20,000.

Mr. Yule – The alternate alignment would cross the Nordic Center master plan area and that may be an issue.

Mr. Kuhn – All the temporary signs are up?

Mr. Shimanowitz – Yes.

Mr. Yule – I'm curious of the travel patterns this summer through the base area.

Mr. Reid – We have trail counters on the trail above the Grand Lodge on Peak 7 but haven't collected data yet. We will report those numbers at a future meeting.

Mr. Dudick – We need trail user counts before we consider partnering on such a costly project.

Mr. Cospolich – I agree we need trail counts, particularly since the tubing hill operation will shorten the operating season.

Mr. Yule - I like the alternate route concept which intercepts users further back to allow better connections to the south.

Mr. Grosshuesch – Are there any impediments if we crest the top of the alpine slide?

Mr. Shimanowitz – The remaining snow of the halfpipe is the only potential impediment but we can help that along with machine work.

Mr. Reid – I will look at counts and the ski resort will look at the alternate route and bring these items back to BOSAC at a future meeting.

Mr. O'Neil – Whether we spend zero or \$45,000, users will have to climb. I'm not in favor of bridge due to concerns over cost.

Mr. Cospolich – I agree with Devon and I'm not crazy about the alternative alignment. Were all the expenses supposed to be split?

Mr. Reid – All trail expenses were supposed to be split but a \$90,000 bridge wasn't originally anticipated.

Mr. Kuhn – We have better places to spend our money than \$45,000 on a bridge but I don't have other suggestions for the ski resort to divert traffic from the Gulch.

Mr. Grosshuesch – The bridge is part of the trail and therefore the ski resort expects a 50/50 match.

Mr. Yule – The bridge is not worth the cost.

Mr. Reid – Let's keep reviewing options. It is doubtful we could get anything through the Forest Service this year at this point.

Mr. Kuhn – Our direction is to keep people out of the Gulch.

Mr. Dudick – Signage is the most important item to implement at this point. Staff of base area resorts needs to educate guests to keep pets out of the Gulch. Doggie trail map would be helpful.

## Joint Town Council Meeting Agenda

Mr. Reid – The joint meeting is an opportunity to review highlights address issues with Council.

Mr. Cospolich – Would like to have Council weigh-in on the Cucumber Gulch Continuum exercise.

Mr. Kulick – We are planning to bring the continuum exercise to the Council on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Kuhn – Could we have a recap of our accomplishments at the next meeting to help shape the agenda.

### **Other comments:**

Mr. Dudick: - Is there a strategy for paying cash for all the acquisitions?

Mr. Truckey – It is what we have always done but we may need to finance some larger future acquisitions.

### **Executive Session:**

Mr. Yule made a motion to move into executive session at 6:34 pm to discuss property acquisition. The motion was seconded by Mr. O’Neil.

Mr. O’Neil motioned to come out of executive session at 7:35 pm, Mr. Yule seconded the motion.

### ***Next Meeting***

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on August 15, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the Administrative Conference Room in the Breckenridge Town Hall (150 Ski Hill Road).

Mr. O’Neil motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Yule seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Dennis Kuhn, Chair