

### **Roll Call**

Jeff Cospolich called the June 17, 2013 BOSAC meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Other BOSAC members present included Ben Brewer, Chris Tennal, Craig Campbell, Devon O'Neil, Jeff Carlson and Jeffery Bergeron. Staff members present were Peter Grosshuesch, Mark Truckey, Scott Reid, and Chris Kulick. Brian Lorch from Summit County Open Space was also in attendance. Dr. Christy Carello, Town of Breckenridge consultant, was present, as was Theresa Chipala.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were approved as presented.

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

### **Public Comments**

Theresa Chipala addressed the Commission about concerns she has with individuals inappropriately using trailhead parking. She stated that in many instances, individuals do not follow posted signs and illegal parking could interfere with emergency response times. She inquired if anything else could be done besides placing signs that many individuals do not follow. Mrs. Chipala suggested using Newspaper articles, television and personal outreach to better educate the public about trailhead parking regulations.

Mr. Reid – We are currently working with BOEC on a long-term lease, which will include many of the parking and circulation issues Mrs. Chipala points out. We plan to implement many of the recommended changes this summer.

Mr. Brewer – Let's try the improvements Mr. Reid mentioned and if they do not work please come back to us and we can look into it further.

### **Staff Summary**

#### **McCain Master Plan**

At its May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, Town Council finalized and approved the McCain Master Plan, which outlines the types and general locations for uses of the property. No significant changes were made to the previously reviewed draft. However, Council directed staff to further explore the Blue River restoration project for that property and the possibility of undertaking the project without Army Corps of Engineers funding, as that funding is not likely to be available in the next few years. Staff will keep BOSAC updated regarding any future progress on this proposed river restoration project.

Mr. Campbell – Did the Army fund the Four Mile Bridge Project? (Mr. Reid – No.)

#### **Moonstone Forest Health Project**

Selected tree removal is underway on the Moonstone parcel, with primary goals of removing dead and infested trees, removing fuels near adjacent homes, and protecting the existing healthy understory. The scheduled trail construction on the Moonstone parcel will begin following completion of the forest health project.

#### **Breckenridge Grand Vacations Peak 8 Infiltration Gallery**

As part of the Breckenridge Grand Vacations (BGV) project at the Peak 8 base area, a groundwater diversion and infiltration gallery is necessary to ensure that the groundwater beneath the hotel site remains groundwater (not surface water) and is reintroduced appropriately into the Cucumber hydrologic system. If the system is designed and installed correctly, groundwater will pass through

the development site and into an infiltration gallery which will increase the amount of groundwater in Upper Cucumber Gulch. Construction of the infiltration gallery will occur downhill of Ski Hill Road and uphill of the 2012 wetland restoration effort, so proper measures, including best management practices, are critical. Staff is working with BGV representatives to ensure that the installation of this infiltration gallery minimizes impacts to Cucumber as a whole, and the wetland restoration area in particular. Staff will update BOSAC on any issues with this infrastructure.

### **Friends of Breckenridge Trails Dates**

The June 1<sup>st</sup> tree planting on the Barney Ford open space was very successful. Over 30 participants volunteered and planted 300 native tree seedlings, thereby enhancing regeneration success and diversifying the species of future forest stands. The next upcoming Friends of Breckenridge Trails volunteer date is on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Upper Flume trail work will be the focus of the volunteer day. Please join staff and volunteers for this fun and productive volunteer opportunity if you are able. More information can be found at [breckenridgetrails.org](http://breckenridgetrails.org)

### **Trail Map Update**

Following an extensive revision and review process, the revised trail map has been sent to production and should be ready for distribution by early July. Staff does not plan to release the revised trail map until the stock of the previous trail maps has been sold.

### **Open Space and Trails**

#### **Noxious Weeds**

The management of noxious weeds on Town open space parcels is both legally mandated and challenging to execute. Mark Johnston, the weed coordinator for the Town of Breckenridge, presented to the BOSAC information on locally troublesome weeds and potential eradication strategies. Open space staff and Dr. Christy Carello also discussed the challenges of weed eradication efforts within Cucumber Gulch Preserve.

Mr. Bergeron – Do we require weed-free hay in town? (Mr. Johnston – Not that I'm aware of in Summit County.)

Mr. O'Neil – Could inmates do weed control work in the Gulch? (Mr. Reid – Possibly, we would prefer to hire contractors to create a consistent management strategy.)

Mr. Reid – Robin Theobald has been cutting and spot spraying Canada Thistle on his wetland property that borders the PMA. He has had good luck with this approach. We cannot use herbicides in the PMA, therefore we cannot use the same strategy. To date, our control efforts with Canada Thistle in the Gulch have been mildly successful.

Dr. Carello – My biggest weed concern is the Canada Thistle proliferation under the Gondola cut.

Mrs. Chipala – What is Vail Resorts responsibility to control weeds in the Gondola corridor. (Mr. Reid – We are looking into it.)

Mr. Brewer – What is the worst case scenario for Canada Thistle in the Gulch. (Dr. Carello – It could eventually take over and create a monoculture.)

Mr. Cospolich – Will we spend more this year on weed control (Mr. Reid – Yes.)

Dr. Carello – You need to commit to weed control for at least 5-6 years for it to be effective.

Mr. Tennal – How are we doing overall Countywide on weed control? (Mr. Johnston – It really varies by species, but we are responsive and address weed issues as they arise.)

Mrs. Chipala – The County should use tax reassessment notices for weed education mailers.

BOSAC recommended staff proceed with the current noxious weed approach as outlined.

### **Cucumber Gulch Preserve Channel Restoration**

Staff presented a revised proposal for designing the Boreas Creek channel restoration project Claffey Ecological Consulting, Inc. As previously discussed at its March 18<sup>th</sup> BOSAC meeting, the incised reach of the Boreas Creek channel that connects the Upper Cucumber Gulch area with the Reset Pond continues to present hydrologic challenges for the management of Cucumber Gulch water resources. In response, staff has solicited a channel restoration plan from Mike Claffey, who designed and implemented the 2012 Upper Cucumber Gulch wetland restoration project.

The goal of the project is to use bio-engineering techniques to stabilize the current channel and rewater/restore the adjacent wetland areas. Channel restoration is a complex and dynamic process, and staff believes that involving fluvial geomorphologists and qualified wetland consultants at an early stage will improve the final restoration project and expedite the Army Corps of Engineers permitting process. Once the design and permit process is complete, staff would request BOSAC permission, pursue a Cucumber PMA variance, and then initiate a bid process to complete the actual channel restoration project. During the previous discussion, BOSAC supported the concept of the channel restoration, and requested more specific costs for the design work.

Mr. Brewer – Where is the funding going to come from? (Mr. Truckey – It is budgeted for 2013 in the other professional services and forest management line item in the Open Space budget.)

BOSAC was unanimously supportive of the expenditure for the design phase and expressed a strong desire to have the project completed this year.

### **Open Space Pro Forma**

Staff presented a revised open space pro forma. The presentation highlighted the impact of recent acquisition commitments, the possible divestiture of some B&B properties and the forecast of some TDR sales to Breckenridge Grand Vacations.

Mr. Bergeron – We may want to hold on those B&B properties longer to have their values increase more over time. It's money in the bank (Mr. Brewer - agreed.)

Mr. Brewer – Selling those properties even though it was contemplated is at odds with the mission of the program.

Mr. Campbell – Do the possible divestiture properties have open space values. (Mr. Reid – they do have some values but are directly adjacent to development with good access.) Before a possible divestiture, would BOSAC we have chance visit them? (Mr. Reid – Yes.)

Mr. Tennal – Why are the costs continuing to rise on the Wellington Oro treatment plant? Is the plant being effective? (Mr. Reid – Ongoing maintenance and labor have continued to rise and we are not completely sure how effective the treatment is in the grand scheme of things but we should expect to operate it into the foreseeable future.)

**Executive Session**

Mr. Campbell – Motioned to move into executive session at 7:04 pm to discuss property acquisition negotiations. Mr. Bergeron seconded the motion.

Mr. O’Neil – Made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:42 pm. Mr. Carlson seconded the motion.

**Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Monday, July15, 2013, in the Administrative Conference Room at the Breckenridge Town Hall (150 Ski Hill Road).

Mr. Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Bergeron.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Jeff Cospolich, Chair