

### **Roll Call**

Jeff Cospolich called the December 16, 2013 BOSAC meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Other BOSAC members present included Jeff Carlson, Ben Brewer, Chris Tennal and Craig Campbell. Staff members present were Scott Reid, Mark Truckey, Tony Overlock and Chris Kulick. Former BOSAC member Devon O'Neil was also present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were approved as presented.

### **Public Comments**

Members of BOSAC and staff thanked Mr. O'Neil for his years of service and contributions to BOSAC.

Mr. O'Neil – Requested an update on the status of a gate in Pennsylvania Gulch to prevent winter motorized access into the non-motorized travel management area. (Mr. Reid – The Town and County own the property where a gate would be most beneficial but the land is within Town of Blue River jurisdiction. The County is planning to work with the Town of Blue River on this issue.) I am also concerned about the Indiana Creek access, which is now being patrolled by the Spruce Valley Ranch HOA. People are no longer allowed to park where they have for years.

Mr. Reid – The Indiana Creek trailhead is on private HOA property in Spruce Valley Ranch. I understand that there is a Town of Blue River Board of Trustees meeting on 12/17 in which it will be discussed.

### **Staff Summary**

#### **Forest Health Projects Update**

Forest health work in Cucumber Gulch Preserve was halted due to heavy snows. Dead and infested trees on the site have been cut and skidded, and most removed, but some rounds remain stacked on site and will be removed completely in spring, 2014. Staff will keep BOSAC informed of this project's completion.

Also, Iowa Hill experienced a weather micro-burst and now has many downed, dead trees on it. Staff plans to reopen the trail with chainsaw work this winter, but the site may require additional salvage tree removal in 2014. This project would be in addition to 75-acres worth of tree clearing in the Golden Horseshoe already planned for 2014. Both of these projects are contemplated in the 2014 Workplan, to be discussed and approved by BOSAC.

#### **The Ranch at Breckenridge Referral**

Summit County Government referred Town planning staff for comment on a development proposal known as the Ranch at Breckenridge. The development site, located on the western flank of Bald Mountain, contains multiple current recreational trails identified as system routes through the Golden Horseshoe and Upper Blue Basin planning processes. Portions of existing routes within the proposal include Nightmare on Baldy, Trail of Tears, True Romance, Sallie Barber, Spiral Stairs, and Baldy Road. In addition, the development proposal includes dedication of approximately 120 acres of open space as a public benefit. More information can be found on the Summit County Planning Department's [website](#).

Town staff routinely comments on Summit County planning referrals and occasionally elevates projects for Town Council review, which occurred in this case. Attached is a draft map from the project proposal and the comment letter generated by staff, with Council input. Since this project is being considered as a work session by the Upper Blue Planning Commission, there will be other future opportunities for the Town to comment.

Staff will keep BOSAC informed of this development proposal as more information becomes available from the applicant. Staff welcomes any input the BOSAC has on the trails and open space portions of the proposal.

Mr. Tennial – If this were to get approval, the biggest issue is the paving of Baldy Road but under a worst case scenario would the community get a new trailhead? (Mr. Truckey – they likely would get a new trailhead just past the end of the proposed paving.)

Mr. Brewer – The most passionate issues pertaining to this proposal are the changes to Baldy Road and it being in direct conflict of JUBMP Master Plan receiving site policy. Town Council was also concerned there are significant wildlife values in the area.

BOSAC – Supported the positions of Mr. Truckey’s letter to the County and thanked him for his quick response to the County’s referral.

### **BOSAC Vacancy**

BOSAC member Devon O’Neil resigned his post at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Staff thanked Mr. O’Neil for his service as a BOSAC commissioner. After consulting with the Town administration, staff intends to fill the BOSAC vacancy when the two other seats are available for appointment in April, 2014. (Mr. Tennial and Mr. Bergeron will also be up for reappointment.)

### **Open Space and Trails**

#### **2013 Field Season Report**

The 2013 field season was very productive for the Town staff and trail crew. Project highlights include:

- Pump Track improved and expanded to include skills area with wooden features
- Barney Flow Trail constructed (2,215 feet of new trail)
- Sidedoor Trail reconstructed (5,240 feet of new trail)
- Upper Flume Trail realigned (2,000 feet of new trail)
- Discovery Hill Trail extended (500 feet of new trail)
- Multiple unsustainable route closures and drainages installed in the Golden Horseshoe

2013 project metrics include:

- 296 volunteers contributed 1,654 hours, with a donated value of \$36,600
- 10,400 feet of new trail constructed
- 39 new wayfinding sign posts installed
- 400 native tree seedlings planted/ 150 pounds of native grass seed distributed
- 1,300 linear feet of buck and rail fencing installed
- 262 feet of boardwalk and bridges constructed

Tony Overlock provided an overview of the field season work for BOSAC’s review. Staff requested BOSAC review the 2013 field season report and use it to help clarify 2014 project goals.

Mr. Cospolich – We should make the 2013 field season report presentation available to the public. (Mr. Brewer – I agree.)

### **2014 Workplan**

BOSAC reviewed a draft 2014 work plan. Staff requested BOSAC review the draft document and make any recommendations.

Mr. Brewer – How is the implementation of the Travel Management Plan going? (Mr. Reid – We have made good progress for the year but still have work to do on wayfinding and closing non-system routes.)

Mr. Carlson – Is the USFS not accepting new proposals for trails trailheads because of staffing? (Mr. Reid – They have different priorities, staffing impacts, funding, forest health, backlog of existing trail projects and really high existing trail densities that all contribute to them not accepting new proposals at the present time.)

Mr. Tennal – When will we bump up the priority of the Swan River Restoration? (Mr. Reid – The County is taking the lead on the restoration because of Brian Lorch’s hydraulic expertise.)

Mr. Brewer – What is the status of the Weber Gulch Hut? (Mr. Reid – It being reviewed by the USFS. I believe the USFS staff plans to complete the environmental review and issue a decision in spring 2014.)

Mr. Cospolich – I would like to see the pump track added to the work plan.

**Executive Session**

Mr. Cospolich – Motioned to move into executive session at 6:54 pm to discuss property acquisition negotiations.

Mr. Campbell seconded the motion.

Mr. Carlson – Made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:13 pm. Mr. Brewer seconded the motion.

**Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Monday, January 20, 2014, in the Administrative Conference Room at the Breckenridge Town Hall (150 Ski Hill Road).

Mr. Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Brewer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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Jeff Cospolich, Chair