

### **Roll Call**

Jeff Cospolich called the May 19, 2014 BOSAC meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Other BOSAC members present included Jeffrey Bergeron, Elisabeth Lawrence and Jeff Carlson. Staff members present were Peter Grosshuesch, Scott Reid, Mark Truckey and Chris Kulick. Local residents Pat McShane and Pete Pierpont were also present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were approved as presented.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Open Space**

#### **Breck Bike Guides License Agreement Renewal**

In 2013, Breck Bike Guides signed a license agreement with the Town to offer guided mountain bike tours on Town Trails. This license agreement was discussed and approved by BOSAC for 2013. The agreement required Breck Bike Guides to pay 3% of their gross guiding-related revenues to the Town and an annual review/renewal approach. In 2013, the 3% requirement yielded \$192.75 in income for the open space program. In general, Breck Bike Guides successfully met their agreement obligations in 2013; they caused no discernible damage to the Town trails and offered a valuable orientation service for visiting cyclists seeking local advice and access.

Breck Bike Guides has requested a 2014 license agreement so that they can continue with their business operations on Town trails. Staff will renew the license agreement, with similar conditions, pending any questions or concerns from BOSAC.

Ms. McShane – Breck Bike Guides provided me with excellent service when I hired them. They also provide a valuable service to the community.

#### **2014 Recpath Mile Markers and Kiosk**

In 2014, Summit County Government intends to install mile markers along the countywide recpath system, as well as informational kiosks in select locations. The goal of these signs is to inform recpath users regarding travel distances, wayfinding, and general use information. Summit County has requested that the Town cost-share for this mile marker/kiosk effort within the Town's jurisdiction. Total Town-related cost for implementation of the program is approximately \$3,800. This contribution would split the costs of mile marker materials and installation, as well as one kiosk located near the Gold Hill Trailhead.

### **Open Space**

#### **Central Mountains Wilderness Proposal**

Rep. Jared Polis and Sen. Mark Udall have been working with Conservation Colorado (formerly Colorado Environmental Coalition) over the past several years to draft a federal wilderness proposal to include National Forest lands in Summit, Pitkin and Eagle counties. The goal of the wilderness bill would be to add a layer of public land protection, while preserving and promoting outdoor recreational opportunities. More specific bill-related information can be found on Rep. Polis' [website](#) and Sen. Udall's [website](#).

Following the presentation of several draft maps, in 2012, BOSAC and Town Council directed staff to work with Conservation Colorado, the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA), and the Summit Fat Tire Society to amend the proposal maps within the Upper Blue basin to ensure that local trail access was preserved to match the White River National Forest Travel Management Plan. Also, Town Council expressed concerns regarding any potential limitation on the ability for the Town, the Red White and Blue Fire District, the U.S. Forest Service, or any other entity to prevent, fight or respond to wildfires within the area.

Accordingly, Conservation Colorado has worked to address the concerns expressed and revise the proposal maps accordingly. Attached are the latest revised maps to be reviewed by BOSAC. Several boundaries have been adjusted to address trail-related access issues and expand the “Special Management Areas” (SMA’s – a.k.a. Companion Designations) that serve as wilderness buffers. SMA’s are a relatively new management tool that results in greater land protection (e.g. no mining, commercial logging, etc.), but also allows uses and activities prohibited in federal wilderness (e.g. chainsaws, mechanized travel, etc.). SMA’s are intended to complement wilderness protection efforts while offering a broader array of management options and user access.

IMBA developed a short [video](#) and [press release](#) to better explain their support of this wilderness planning effort.

The attached maps are the latest version being proposed for consideration by the general public. Conservation Colorado seeks general community support for this evolving proposal, as well as specific letters of endorsement from local elected officials. Town Council directed staff to present the current proposal to BOSAC for discussion. BOSAC’s comments will then be presented at a future Town Council meeting. Staff has also contacted Red, White and Blue Fire District staff for their comments.

Mr. Grosshuesch – Does Representative Polis’s map match up with Senator Udall’s map? (Mr. Reid – It is very close, as I understand the current versions.)

Mr. Bergeron – Will we have additional time to comment? I will need a little more time to further research the proposal. (Mr. Reid – Yes, but we would like to have the comments by the end of the month.)

Mr. Truckey – In addition to allowing bikes, SMA’s also allow some mechanized fire fighting where traditional wilderness does not.

Mr. Carlson – Is the Bemrose Ski Circus included in the SMA? (Mr. Reid – The proposed wilderness area is immediately adjacent to Bemrose.)

Mr. Bergeron – I am concerned the Williams Fork area could potentially exclude mountain bikes. There is an important out-and-back route there with outstanding wildflowers. (Mr. Carlson – I am concerned about that issue as well.)

Mr. Bergeron – Has the SMA concept been used in other areas? (Staff – SMA’s have been used in other areas, primarily for the benefit of cyclists and fire protection. IMBA is really supportive of the SMA concept.)

Mr. Bergeron – Who has been the catalyst for the SMA designation? (Staff – Primarily cyclists and fire districts.)

**Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Monday, June 17, 2014, at the Breckenridge Town Hall, 150 Ski Hill Road.

Mr. Carlson motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Bergeron.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Jeff Cospolich, Chair