

SUMMIT COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of the May 8, 2024, Regular Meeting

OSAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Bittner, Terry Craig, Laura Rossetter, John Uban, Greg Guevara, Meagan Graham, Bob Gregory, Jared Swanson, Libby Pansing

OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Zimmerman, Paul Semmer, Peter Grosshuesch, Arthur Hardin

STAFF PRESENT: Katherine King, Allison Morton, Jessica Forsyth, Jordan Mead, Brad Kremske

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT: Cindy Ebbert – USFS, Kristi D’Agati – Town of Silverthorne, Alex Stach – Town of Breckenridge, Pete Swenson – Town of Frisco, Larissa O’Neil – Breck History

Call to Order: Dave Bittner called the meeting of the Summit County Open Space Advisory Council to order at 5:33PM. Everyone present introduced themselves for the good of the order.

Approval of Agenda: Council members approved the agenda as submitted.

Approval of Minutes: Council members approved the March 2024 OSAC minutes unanimously.

Director King gave an overview of the Summary Report, highlighting CPW State Trails funding, the Dillon Dam Recpath Engineering study, and summer 2024 trail projects.

Approval of Summary Report: Council members approved the summary report as submitted.

Public Comments: No public comment

REGULAR AGENDA:

Open Space Management:

Breck History Updated Historic Resources Management Plan

Larissa O’Neil gave an update on the Historic Resources Management Plan. Larissa worked directly with Paul Semmer and others to update the plan following the previous discussion with OSAC. This Plan will guide Breck History’s long-term strategy for conserving and interpreting historic resources on Town, County, and National Forest lands. Corrections to land ownership, language, and definitions were the major changes to the Plan. The recently appointed OSAC members did not see the first draft. The original plan was created in 2019 and this is the 5-year update. BOCC endorsed the original plan on OSAC’s recommendation.

Bob Gregory and Laura Rosseter voiced their support of the plan and the ongoing stabilization project at Jesse Mill. Libby Pansing asked about the internal project for projects on National Forest lands. There is some information in the plan to generally outline that Breck History will identify and fulfill all necessary requirements for projects on National Forest lands.

Motion to recommend the Update Historic Resources Management Plan, as presented, for endorsement by the BOCC.

Motion by: Laura Rosseter

Second by: Bob Gregory

Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Property Interests:

Motion to enter Executive Session. OSAC entered Executive Session at 5:50PM.

Motion by: Bob Gregory

Second by: Libby Pansing

Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to exit Executive Session. OSAC left Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

Motion by: Bob Gregory

Second by: Libby Pansing

Motion approved unanimously.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Summit County Safe Passages, who is working on wildlife crossings on I-70, has requested to come to the next meeting to speak about their plans and share their progress. 70% of the funds have been raised for the design. This project has gained a lot of momentum in the past year, with two grants awarded for a total of \$750k.

The next OSAC meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2024. The July meeting is scheduled for July 3. This may be cancelled or rescheduled if a meeting is needed. Meagan Graham will not attend the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Motion by: Libby Pansing

Second by: John Uban

Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Mead

Jordan Mead, Open Space and Trails Resource Specialist