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I) CALL TO ORDER

Nikki LaRochelle called the June 15th, 2026 regular meeting of BOSAC to order at 5:32 pm. Other members of BOSAC present were Krysten Joyce, Dave Rossi, Bobbie Zanca, Matt Powers, Chris Tennal, and Town Council liaison Jay Beckerman. Staff members present were Alex Stach, Duke Barlow, Tony Overlock, Chris Kulick, and Mark Truckey. Katherine King, Summit County Open Space Director, and Larissa O'Neil, Breckenridge History Executive Director were also in attendance. Members of the public present included: Rae Moody, Alex Lindquist, Craig Cummings, and Matt Derrick. Members of the public that were present virtually: Greg Ruckman.

II) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 13, 2026 BOSAC meeting minutes were approved as presented.

III) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Rae Moody presented demographic statistics to support a proposal to extend the recpath along a ½ mile section of Tiger Road, highlighting critical safety and connectivity needs for residents living in the Braddock Hills subdivision and other nearby neighborhoods.

Mr. Matt Derrick advocated for localized infrastructure improvements, emphasizing the need for a bike park near the Blue 52 neighborhood and a safer pedestrian pathway/road crossing on Ski Hill Road. Mr. Derrick also suggested a bike only trail within the River Trail recreation corridor to mitigate user conflicts.

IV) STAFF SUMMARY

A. Field Season Update

B. Friends of Breckenridge Trails (FOBT)

Mr. Overlock highlighted recent volunteer stewardship successes, including a Friends of Breckenridge Trails weed pull event at Cucumber Gulch Preserve. Additionally, staff partnered with Breckenridge Grand Vacations employees for a targeted tree-thinning effort at the Barney Ford open space.

C. Naturalists Update

D. Open Space Acquisition Update

Mr. Barlow provided an update on recent property acquisitions. Town and County open space staff confirmed that a noted mineshaft is not located on the newly purchased Handy Lode parcel but sits on adjacent National Forest land. Staff have notified the Division of

Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) of the existence of the mineshaft and DRMS is arranging to close public access.

E. Reiling Dredge Punt Shelter

F. DNR Kennels LNG Temporary Lease Extension

G. Alpine Eco Reed Canary Grass Report

H. North Barton / Aspen Alley Public Scoping

Mr. Overlock shared that staff and consultants made slight adjustments to the North Barton Trail alignment to mitigate specific wetland concerns and are considering possible reinforcement measures on the Aspen Alley alternative trail to address slope stability concerns. Staff remain optimistic that constructing the Aspen Alley alternative trail and beginning construction of the North Barton Trail this fall is still possible.

I. OST Website Accessibility Page

J. Open House Feedback

V) OPEN SPACE DISCUSSION

McCain Renaming (0:14:13)

BOSAC commissioners and staff engaged in a comprehensive discussion regarding the renaming of the McCain parcel, evaluating potential themes centered on local history, geography, and environmental restoration.

Suggestions included honoring prominent women from Breckenridge's history, alongside geographic choices. Both commissioners and staff expressed caution regarding naming entire parcels after specific individuals due to potential future interpretation issues. The group reiterated a preference for geographic or thematic names over individual names. Mr. Beckerman referenced a previous Town Council decision regarding naming the nearby skier parking lot, which focused on a geographical theme to help with user wayfinding.

BOSAC suggested including the word "Preserve" in the title to emphasize need for long-term protection of the property.

Ultimately, the commissioners decided to move forward with a formal recommendation to Town Council, acknowledging that Council retains final authority as established by Town's Naming Policy. The committee voted between two proposed names: Little Daisy Preserve and El Prado Preserve. During the discussion, BOSAC agreed that previous concerns regarding the duplicity of the Little Daisy name were surmountable.

The group also noted a desire to incorporate Spanish language elements and natural history themes into future interpretive signage or trail names within the open space parcel itself.

Motion: To recommend "Little Daisy Preserve" as the name recommendation to Town Council, with "El Prado Preserve" and "Willow Bender" flagged for future consideration as names for trails or features within the parcel. *The motion passed with a vote of 5:1:1, with Willow Bender and El Prado each receiving single votes.*

STRAP RPI Grant Application (0:54:18)

OST staff presented a potential funding opportunity through the Summit County Outdoor Coalition involving a \$2.5 million GOCO/CPW Regional Partnership Initiative (RPI) grant and requested a BOSAC recommendation for Council to formally support this grant application and associated matching funds commitment via a resolution.

If awarded, \$1.2 million of the grant would be specifically directed toward critical infrastructure improvements at the Quandary Trailhead, including parking expansion, paving, vault toilets, and an informational kiosk. To secure the funding, the Town would commit up to \$400,000 in matching funds, contingent upon final Town Council approval.

The committee expressed unanimous support for the regional scope of the proposal. Some members voiced concerns over investing so much money outside of the Town's core but ultimately recognized the economic benefit Quandary Peak visitation has on the Town's economy and supported the grant application and matching fund commitment. This grant proposal was approved by the Summit County Open Space Advisory Council (OSAC) and will now be proposed to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for county approval.

Motion: To recommend Council support of the \$2.5 million Regional Partnership Initiative (RPI) grant application through the Summit County Outdoor Coalition, including the Town's conditional commitment, if awarded, of up to \$400,000 in matching funds for the Quandary Peak Trailhead improvements. *The motion passed with a vote of 6:0 (Commissioner Rossi abstained).*

Trails Workplan (1:11:27)

Mr. Overlock presented an updated Trails Matrix with an associated Purpose Statement. The commissioners discussed operational inconsistencies between the current trail development matrix scoring system and the Open Space Master Plan. Discussion focused heavily on balancing hierarchical conservation priorities against the program's four co-equal strategic goals: conservation, recreation, access, and inclusion.

BOSAC highlighted the importance of consistently evaluating trail proposals against the three Trail Philosophy objectives identified in the 2023 OST Master Plan and to frequently consider "what's missing" from the existing trail network.

Commissioners agreed that the matrix should account for opportunity costs and the structural trade-offs between building brand-new trails versus rebuilding existing ones, and trail building costs versus other potential OST expenses such as forest health initiatives. The commission concluded that while any scoring tool carries inherently subjective elements, the refined matrix will serve as a highly valuable guideline for staff decisions and ensure

consistent project tracking. The team agreed to pilot the tool on upcoming trail proposals before adopting permanent modifications, potentially dedicating an upcoming BOSAC site visit to a proposed trail concept for further discussion during the following meeting.

VI) OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO OPEN SPACE TOPICS

N/A

VII) COUNCIL MATTERS RELATED TO OPEN SPACE TOPICS

Mr. Beckerman provided an update on current “open space adjacent” Town Council priorities:

- **Sawmill Connector Project:** Updates on the timeline and development of the connector path between the parking garage and Main Street.
- **Fire Danger & Mitigation:** Current regional fire levels and ongoing coordination regarding summer preparedness.
- **Dark Sky Initiatives:** Progression on the Town's dark sky streetlight conversions.
- **Animal Control:** New dog park regulations currently under consideration by Council.

VIII) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. LaRochelle moved that BOSAC go into executive session under C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4) for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategies for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators concerning a property that the Town may be interested in acquiring for open space purposes. Ms. Joyce seconded the motion. BOSAC went into an executive session at 7:45 PM.

The executive session of BOSAC concluded at 8:09 PM. The participants in the executive session were Nikki LaRochelle, Krysten Joyce, Matt Powers, David Rossi, Chris Tennal, Bobbie Zanca, and Council liaison Jay Beckerman. Staff present included Duke Barlow, Alex Stach, Tony Overlock, Chris Kulick, and Mark Truckey. Katherine King from Summit County Open Space & Trails was present.

IX) ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the BOSAC meeting was made by Ms. LaRochelle, with Mr. Beckerman seconding the motion. The June 15th, 2026 regular meeting of BOSAC concluded at 8:11 PM.

The next regular meeting of BOSAC is scheduled for July 20th, 2026.

Nikki LaRochelle, Chair