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I) CALL TO ORDER

Nikki LaRochelle called the April 28th, 2025, regular meeting of BOSAC to order at 5:31 pm. Other members of BOSAC present were David Rossi, Bobbie Zanca, Krysten Joyce, Matt Powers, and Town Council liaison Jay Beckerman. Chris Tennal was absent. Staff members present were Mark Truckey, Chris Kulick, Keely Ambrose, Alex Stach, Tony Overlock, Joel Dukes, and Duke Barlow. Katherine King, Summit County Open Space and Trails Director, was also present. Jill Desmond and Tamara Nuzzaci Park from BreckCreate were also in attendance. Members of the public who were virtually present: Greg Ruckman and Kelly Ahern.

II) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) BOSAC REGULAR MEETING – March 17th, 2025

The minutes were approved as presented.

III) PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

IV) STAFF SUMMARY

A. Field Report

B. Forest Health Update

C. Christie Heights

Mr. Barlow explained that the Christie Heights Hazardous Fuels Reduction project is on hold for the time being. A recent site assessment from our contractor determined the project would be more expensive than originally thought and would preclude grant funding eligibility.

D. FOBT Calendar

E. Recpath Grooming and Plowing

F. BOEC OPDMD

G. Laurium Trailhead Parking Lot

H. 2025 Quandary Shuttle Contract

I. Starburst Award

J. Jessie Mill

Ms. Zanca asked for some additional information regarding Breckenridge History's Jessie Mill project. Mr. Barlow explained the stabilization process and that BreckHistory was not soliciting funding support for this project.

K. Spruce Creek Road Closure

L. 214 Holly Lane Trail Easement

M. Summit County Safe Passages

Mr. Beckerman provided an update regarding the Town Council's decision not to endorse the commission's recommendation to contribute to Summit County Safe Passages. Mr. Beckerman explained that the Town Council took this recommendation very seriously but ultimately decided not to proceed at this current time, citing concerns about the large price tag without guaranteed construction.

N. McCain RFP Update

Mr. Barlow provided a brief update on the McCain Open Space Design and Management Plan RFP process, stating that staff had concluded their interview process were working to finalize a contract.

O. Golden Horseshoe Oversight Committee

P. Frisco Backyard Project

Q. Open House Topics

Mr. Barlow provided an update regarding the upcoming Open Space and Trails Open House, sharing a few ideas on topics and who might be stationed where. Staff will prepare talking points for each station.

V) OPEN SPACE DISCUSSION

BOSAC Commissioner Rules and Regulations (17:42)

Town Attorney Keely Ambrose introduced herself and began a presentation on commissioner rules and regulations.

Ms. Ambrose explained the hierarchy of documents governing the Breckenridge Open Space Advisory Commission, including the municipal charter, town code, and commission rules. The presentation outlined the commission's role as public officials, ethical obligations, and responsibilities under open records and meetings laws. Ms. Ambrose detailed the code of ethics, including conflict of interest procedures and prohibited actions, additionally describing the commission's primary functions, which include formulating an open space plan, providing recommendations to Town Council, and advising on property acquisitions and management.

There was discussion between BOSAC and Town staff about the role of the “BOSAC Norms” document and whether it should be revised and included in an updated Rules and Regulations document. Mr. Rossi stated he felt the Norms are useful, especially when contentious topics arise, and will be important considerations for future BOSAC members.

2025 BIFA Trail Mix (31:39)

Ms. Tamara Nuzzaci Park and Ms. Jill Desmond from BreckCreate presented their 2025 Breckenridge International Festival of Arts (BIFA) Trail Mix projects presentation to the commission.

The presentation was focused on the BIFA Trail Mix projects, and their team presented their plans for the upcoming 10-day festival from August 15-24, 2025. Ms. Desmond and Ms. Nuzzaci Park discussed the festival's mission to enhance quality of life through creative experiences, emphasizing the core values of adventure, play, creativity, and nature. The BreckCreate team invited feedback and endorsement from BOSAC on their proposed installations. Ms. Desmond and Ms. Nuzzaci Park shared that they have been in collaboration with the Open Space & Trails team, and their focus is on environmental sustainability and social equity in the programming.

A majority of the conversation was centered around an interactive art installation by Swiss-Italian artist Joe Scolari, featuring a marble chutes and slides activity that will be installed alongside singletrack trails in Breckenridge. The installation aims to encourage families and children to engage with nature, using natural materials and existing topography. The marble runs will be located in the Illinois Creek area, along the Illinois Creek and Little Mountain trails, with marbles available for purchase at various locations. The Town plans to keep the installation up into the fall if successful and is considering ways to make it accessible to all, including potential sponsorships and a marble donation system. BOSAC agreed to the installation with an initial end date in mid-October, subject to review. A few concerns were raised about potential environmental impact, crowd management, and the logistics of marble distribution, specifically that perhaps the marbles should be free and the Ice Rink might not be an appropriate point of sale. The BreckCreate team plans to focus on clear communication regarding trail etiquette and will work to manage marble sales without disrupting any Town operations.

Several additional art installations for an upcoming festival were discussed, including Bill Orsich's proposal that centers around a sound installation called "Root Notes: Sounds of the Underground" which will take place in a clearing between Moonstone and B-Line trails. Additionally, the group discussed the Trio musical group, focusing on underground tree and wildlife communication. BreckCreate shared artist Justin Tyler Tate plans to create 5-7 small sculptures made of natural materials along the lower section of Moonstone Trail, which will naturally deteriorate over time. BreckCreate shared that Anna Sukularkis, a Navajo artist, will have an exhibition at the Old Masonic Hall Gallery and an outdoor installation on Iowa Hill. Finally, Nicole Vanowitz's inflatable sculptures, made from recycled tents, will be displayed at the Reiling Dredge site for two days, with performances planned in conjunction with the installation.

BOSAC members mentioned concerns about trail congestion, suggesting advanced registration for popular experiences and minimal environmental impact for the installations. Mr. Rossi expressed some concerns related to the logistics and potential impacts of an art installation at the B&B Trailhead and neighboring trail system. BreckCreate's team emphasized the installation's short display window, low impact due to its distance from the town center, and the use of a registration system to manage crowds. Ms. Desmond and Ms. Nacuzzi Park shared that BreckCreate plans to encourage bus use, while also discouraging parking on Moonstone Road. OST Staff and BOSAC members expressed their appreciation for the organic nature of the materials proposed compared to previous ones.

BOSAC unanimously supports the BIFA Trail Mix series.

Votes - 6/0

Property Acquisitions Criteria Table (1:26:11)

Mr. Barlow introduced a new checklist for evaluating property acquisitions. BOSAC expressed support for the checklist overall but suggested some improvements. These included considering the consequences of not purchasing a property and potentially rearranging the checklist sections based on the acquisition's main goal (e.g. conservation or recreation). BOSAC and staff also emphasized the importance of including property comparisons, and everyone agreed to test the checklist during an executive session and refine it further based on that experience. Mr. Barlow shared an update regarding distribution of executive session materials and how the commission may improve the efficiency of executive sessions by receiving the materials ahead of time.

Officer Elections

Mr. Beckerman nominated both the current Chair (Nikki LaRochelle) and Vice Chair (David Rossi) to retain their officer roles. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Powers.

BOSAC unanimously reelected Nikki LaRochelle to Chair and David Rossi to Vice Chair.

Votes - 6/0

VI) COUNCIL MATTERS RELATED TO OPEN SPACE TOPICS

N/A

VII) OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO OPEN SPACE TOPICS

Ms. King announced that the SCRAP trail network was open for the season.

Mr. Stach explained a few recent updates to BreckOST.com website, highlighting trail conditions reporting and mapping features, and encouraged members to promote and provide feedback on the new system.

VIII) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. 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. Bobbie Zanca seconded the motion. BOSAC went into an executive session at 7:15 PM.

The executive session concluded at 8:31 PM. The participants in the executive session were Krysten Joyce, Nikki LaRochelle, Bobbie Zanca, David Rossi, and Council liaison Jay Beckerman. Staff present included Duke Barlow, Tony Overlock, Mark Truckey, Chris Kulick, Keely Ambrose, and Alex Stach. Katherine King, Summit County Open Space and Trails Director, was also present.

IX) ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the BOSAC meeting was made by Mrs. LaRochelle, and Mrs. Zanca seconded it. The April 28th, 2025 regular meeting of BOSAC ended at 8:33 PM.

The next regular meeting of BOSAC is scheduled for June 16th, 2025.

Nikki LaRochelle, Chair