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I) CALL TO ORDER

Nikki LaRochelle called the June 16, 2025 regular meeting of BOSAC to order at 5:32 pm. Other members of BOSAC present were Chris Tennal, Bobbie Zanca, Krysten Joyce, Matt Powers, and Town Council liaison Jay Beckerman. David Rossi attended virtually. Staff members present were Mark Truckey, Chris Kulick, Alex Stach, Tony Overlock, and Duke Barlow. Katherine King, Summit County Open Space Director, was also present. Sam Spicer & Craig Karn from THK Associates were present with Laura Hickey and Melissa Bade from CDR Associates attending virtually. Members of the public who were present: Sarah Watson, virtual attendees: Kelly Ahern and Greg Ruckman.

II) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) BOSAC REGULAR MEETING – April 28th, 2025

The minutes were approved as presented.

III) PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

IV) STAFF SUMMARY

A. Field Season Update

B. FOBT Update

C. Forest Health Update

D. Laurium Trailhead Update

Mr. Barlow provided an update on the Laurium Parking Lot, stating that the parking lot relocation & realignment of the road will begin in August and should take 3 to 4 weeks. Ms. Zanca asked that staff leverage Summit Daily as an additional resource to share updates/outreach regarding changes to the Laurium Trailhead.

E. Wildfire Ready Watersheds

Ms. Joyce asked about the funding source for Wildfire Ready Watersheds. Mr. Barlow replied that this round of funding came from the Town's Public Works Department. Mr. Truckey gave some examples of previous funding sources and how Open Space has been involved historically. Ms. Zanca was curious to know about the outreach process for

Wildfire Ready Watershed, to which Mr. Barlow replied that all Summit County post office box holders were supposed to have received an informational postcard.

F. BTO

G. 2025 Quandary Shuttle and Parking Reservation System Update

H. Little Daisy Update

I. Pedal Together

J. Xcel Restoration Update

Mr. Barlow stated that restoration work on the B&B Xcel Site should begin in early July and should take between 3 to 4 weeks to complete. No trail closures are anticipated.

K. Copper Canyon Survey

L. RAMI

Ms. Zanca was curious to know which trails/trailheads we manage that are involved in the RAMI process. Mr. Barlow provided some context on which trailheads are a part of the process and why they were included.

M. Spruce Creek Road Closure

Ms. LaRochelle had a question about the specific location of the construction on Spruce Creek Road and how Spruce Creek Trailhead access is impacted. Mr. Barlow explained how to access the Spruce Creek Trailhead via the detour.

N. CHCDNM Update

V) OPEN SPACE DISCUSSION

McCain Open Space Design and Management Plan (22:20)

Mr. Barlow introduced the McCain Open Space Design and Management Plan project team, led by Craig Kern and Sam Spicer from THK Associates, and joined by their colleagues Laura Hickey and Melissa Bade from CDR Associates.

THK began the meeting with a conversation focused on conservation and development plans for the McCain Parcel in Breckenridge, Colorado. Mr. Kern discussed the importance of addressing conservation in its broader sense, including recreation, stewardship, and cultural values. Both Mr. Spicer and Mr. Kern emphasized the opportunity to make open spaces accessible to people of all abilities and life stages. The group reviewed historical images of the site and explored opportunities for interpretation and signage. THK highlighted the

significance of preserving open vistas/viewsheds and enhancing the landscape through native plants and water management techniques. There was also discussion around trail development and the need to balance access with environmental sensitivity.

Ms. Hickey and Ms. Bade presented their engagement approach for the McCain Open Space parcel, outlining phases of public input and feedback. They emphasized targeted engagement with neighboring residents and Spanish-speaking communities while also planning broader community outreach through surveys, an ArcGIS Story Map, and via the Town's communication channels. Ms. Zanca raised concerns about the lack of general public outreach in the initial plan, prompting Ms. Hickey and Ms. Bade to add to their stakeholder list and clarify their strategy of using existing resources like the Open Space & Trails Master Plan to avoid redundancy and respect community time.

Next, the presenters and BOSAC began to discuss specific programming for a new open space, emphasizing the importance of balancing community input with thoughtful design to create a lasting landmark. THK emphasized their focus on accessibility for all community members, including those with mobility disabilities, while maintaining the site's natural beauty and educational value. The environmental branch of the project team, ERO, has coordinated with Ecological Resource Consultants (ERC), who previously restored the river corridor, and will provide a comprehensive site assessment package in the coming weeks. Mr. Spicer also discussed the need to educate the public about the site's history and the importance of good stewardship to prevent issues like social trails and environmental damage. Ms. Joyce mentioned that there have been conversations about focusing on incorporating historical context and indigenous perspectives at this particular parcel. BOSAC and the project team briefly explored the possibility of renaming the site to better reflect its history, with BESAC and Breck History working on identifying native populations that may have used the area. Mr. Spicer also proposed the potential need for interpretive signage, including bilingual options, to educate visitors about the site's history and significance.

The group discussed the concept of management zones (frontcountry, midcountry, and backcountry) and how a frontcountry trail system would be most appropriate in the new open space, noting high demand for walking and biking, and aiming to balance accessibility for all with environmental stewardship, including restoring wildlife habitats. This would include creating a management plan that considers both human and wildlife needs, connecting to existing trails, and designing the space as a vital community asset. Additionally, conversations were had on improving community engagement for trail planning and emphasizing winter conditions in design.

Open House Review (1:26:55)

BOSAC and OST staff reviewed the success of the recent Open House, while also identifying areas for improvement, like broader outreach, more strategic social media use, and exploring incentives like raffles or smaller group discussions to boost participation.

Signage Workplan Samples and Pilot Program (1:42:15)

Mr. Overlock introduced the upcoming “Signage Pilot Program,” which will be implemented on the trails and trailheads within Illinois Gulch. The group briefly reviewed the new Sign Location Map document and then viewed samples of different sign materials. After some discussion, BOSAC agreed with OST staff regarding sign material and decided to proceed with the die-bond option for its durability and cost-effectiveness.

Future BOSAC Field Trip (2:02:25)

BOSAC and staff discussed plans for a future field trip to learn from other open space & trail programs, potentially visiting locations like Jefferson County or Boulder County, which face many of the challenges the Breckenridge Open Space & Trails program has begun to take on. Mr. Tennial proposed the idea of visiting the new Clear Creek Canyon Rec. Path.

VI) COUNCIL MATTERS RELATED TO OPEN SPACE TOPICS

N/A

VII) OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO OPEN SPACE TOPICS

Mr. Ruckman proposed that BOSAC & OST staff consider adding enforcement of Cucumber Gulch Preserve ordinances to the agenda for the July, 2025, BOSAC meeting.

VIII) ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the BOSAC meeting was made by Ms. LaRochelle, and Ms. Zanca seconded it. The June 16th, 2025, regular meeting of BOSAC ended at 7:31 PM.

The next regular meeting of BOSAC is scheduled for July 21st, 2025.

Nikki LaRochelle, Chair