

**SUMMIT COUNTY
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

June 1, 2022

OSAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Rossetter, John Taylor, Terry Craig, Dave Bittner, Peter Grosshuesch, Robert Gregory, Turk Montepare, Paul Semmer, Arthur Hardin

OSAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Zimmerman, Meagan Graham, John Uban

STAFF PRESENT: Katherine King, Jordan Mead, Christine Zenel

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT: Kristina Kachur – Logan Simpson, Jeremy Call – Logan Simpson, Pete Swenson – Town of Frisco, Anne Lowe – Town of Breckenridge, Cindy Ebbert – USFS, Ben Ferrante – SCOMBA, Martie Semmer – Western Regional Director – International Dark Sky Association

Call to Order: Turk Montepare called the meeting of the Summit County Open Space Advisory Council to order at 5:40 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was modified to include public comment from Martie Semmer and the election of a co-chair.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as submitted.

Approval of Summary Report: The summary report was approved as submitted.

Public Comments:

Martie Semmer presented the information in new documents from the International Dark Sky Association. Gov. Polis declared June 2022 State Dark Sky Month. House Bill 22-1382, which was signed on May 27th, recognizes the harmful effect of light pollution on recreation, tourism, and in general. Martie would like to work with Katherine to have more information included in the next OSAC packet on the new Dark Sky initiative from the state.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Turk Montepare nominated Terri Craig as co-chair for the remainder of 2022, as she is the most senior member of the council other than Turk.

Motion to elect Terri Craig as the co-chair of the Summit County Open Space Advisory Council.

Motion by: Turk Montepare

Second by: Paul Semmer

Motion approved.

Discussion of Open Space and Trails Master Plan:

Kristina Kachur and Jeremy Call of Logan-Simpson gave an overview of the draft Open Space and Trails Master Plan (“the plan”) and the process that has gotten us to this point. They also reviewed the remaining schedule for Adoption of the Plan. Staff and consultants then asked OSAC members to provide their specific

feedback on the plan and recommendations for revision prior to a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. OSAC members were provided with hard copies of the plan to assist in their review.

The first round of review of is meant to be a “red flag” or “fatal flaw” review spending 10 minutes on each chapter and 30 minutes on the action plan. Laura Rossetter would like to see a “red lined” version of the plan that shows the changes that have occurred since this review and the public comment. Turk Montepare recommend that several OSAC members attend the July 7, 2022 BOCC meeting to review the draft plan in preparation for the July 13, 2022. Peter Grosshuesch asked how hard the timeline for this plan approval might be and thinks that it might be a “scramble” to get the final draft prepared prior to the recommendation and approval dates. In addition to tonight, the OSAC will have two chances to review the draft plan prior to recommending the plan. 1) The public comment period and 2) prior to the July OSAC meeting. More detailed notes on OSAC comments were recorded in the working draft of the document by staff from Logan-Simpson.

Council members asked if the links and the maps are useable in the quasi-regulatory format? We want to be able to pass the straight face test. Examples include the Significant Routes and Wetlands maps within the Story Map. Adding a regulatory function section to the plan would be a good way to call out how the plan functions and what parts are meant to serve which functions. The significant routes map is the only map that is planned to be published in “static” form for regulatory purposes.

The council requested more detailed data for each Basin on conserved lands, trail miles, and activities available. OSAC members observed that while staffing levels are addressed throughout the plan, it should be a stronger section with more emphasis on “What’s Next?”. The magnitude of what the program accomplishes needs to be emphasized more. Comparing the amount property protected and the miles of trail that have been built since the inception of the program would be a useful to stress this point.

OSAC members want readers to understand that different lands are managed differently, while still making broadly applicable public policy. Support language in the plan should be included that addresses Fat Bike and E-bikes and any new uses that occur. Regionally significant trail routes need to be more strongly emphasized, as well as a call out for bike lanes on shoulders. Tenmile-Vail Pass National Recreation Trail and Wheeler Trail should also get more attention.

Council members also stressed that we should “double down” on the policy language that states that for BC zone property, access is limited to the currently available. We do not want new access to BC zoned properties. Additionally, all the photos need to be evaluated for best practices and etiquette. Policy should be reflective of priorities in the plan. Action and implementation plan needs to be referenced or linked to the larger table and associated action items for each policy.

The council is general supportive of stronger language to require all new developments to provide pedestrian access. In general, the language could be strengthened to serve a larger regulatory function. Staff can work with specific members of the council to give the plan more “teeth”. Partners in the planning and building department must also review these and give feedback. New development in Towns needs to follow similar policies.

The OSAC was supportive of eliminating the Basin indications in the Action table, since so many of these actions apply everywhere. For actions that are very specific to each basin, the language can be changed to include the Basin where it is most applicable.

Discussion of Open Space Management Activities:

Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Property Interests: A motion was made to enter into Executive Session, and it was seconded. OSAC entered into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. A motion was made to exit Executive Session and seconded. OSAC left Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Mead

Jordan Mead, Open Space and Trails Resource Specialist