

MINUTES OF SPORT COMMITTEE  
July 21, 2016

**I. PROCEDURES**

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1. Call to Order: Don Hansen opened the meeting at 5:35pm.
2. Approval of Agenda/ Roll Call: Frank Gutmann, Bob Kieber, Don Langmuir, JoAnne Nadalin, Mary Kay Rachwalski, Marilyn Raymond, Kathy Swanson, John Taylor, Pat Taylor, Suzanne Reed  
Staff: Mindy Nicholds, Susan Lee, Greg Roy  
Absent: Bob Mayerle, Tyler Bunnelle, Tom Dopplick  
Guests: Marie Orlin, Rob Buirgy
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve, Kathy Swanson, second; Mary Kay Rachwalski
4. Public Comment: Rob Buirgy introduced himself as a new resident of Silverthorne and the new coordinator for the Blue River Watershed Group. He is assisting Greg Hardy with the water walk sign project and is looking forward to working with SPORT and the Town on other projects.

**II. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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1. Updates from 2016 Goals Action list
  - a. Osprey Walk - scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2016 – Kathy S/Bob M
    - Volunteers are needed to help with the event and will meet at 5:00, half an hour before the event starts. Need people to sign up for the stations to stamp the passports, check in tables, along the trail for directions, at the bridge for crossing and a sweeper at the end.
    - Flyers were made to be put up around town and were handed out amongst the group.
    - An ad will be placed in the paper for the event.
    - The amount spent on printing the passports needs to be cut down. Instead of doing 300 it was decided to do 200 and it will be printed out by the Town with a volunteer folding party to do the folding.
  - b. Bicycle Friendly Community – Don H
    - Permission was received to paint the tunnel at Vail Pass. The lights aren't quite bright enough so they will be painting the wall a light color. Summit County will be paying for the paint and that will take place in March or April. They are also looking at getting stickers with QR codes that give you the location.
    - The application to be a bike friendly community needs an additional through route that is on-street route. Various options were discussed about how to direct bikers coming from the north through town.
    - Whatever is decided will be run by the police department.
    - JoAnne made a motion, seconded by Pat, to do the route from Hwy 9 to Annie, to Brian, to Wilderndest and then connecting to the existing path, and to allow Don to bring this before the Town departments. Somebody ??? seconded and the motion passed.
  - c. Arctic Placer – Bid Award – Susan L
    - Susan suggested the committee look at possible value engineering of the design with different materials in the project to cut costs. Promises need to

be kept about ADA accessibility, and the life expectancy of the alternate materials needs to be taken into account.

- d. Rainbow Park West Entrance Design – Kick off June 23
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> public meetings went well with a lot of feedback. Mark Wilcox will take the feedback from the participants and will work on a hybrid of the two plans that were presented. The final design meeting is next Thursday 7/28/16.
  - Lots of comments, but the group agreed on more parking and to make sure that the soccer field was not encroached on.
- e. Town Core Sidewalk – Sidewalk will be going in along the road where the new Angry James brewery is being built.
- f. Willow Grove – Susan gave an update of the property walkthrough with CDLT help on July 20. Pat Taylor joined Susan and Greg Roy for the walkthrough. CDLT representatives felt overall the property looked good. Mostly talked about signage and what we could put up to let people know that there is a pond back there and where the path is. Also, they would like to help us install carsonites to show where private property ends and the conservation easement begins. There were minimal weed issues that Greg will work with the County weed sprayer to resolve.
  - Talked about doing a work day on September 24th to put in carsonite posts. There is the possibility of doing it on Make a Difference Day once information on that event becomes available
  - Need to develop sign copy and get materials and stickers for signs.
- g. Salt Lick and Artic Placer Trails – John Taylor presented. He discussed the Salt Lick Trail and the need to press the USFS in order to get a new connection trail outside of the wilderness area to eliminate the ongoing issue of bike intrusion into the wilderness and make this “backbone” trail a reality.
  - The wilderness boundary has always been inaccurate as well as the fences that are placed out there. The purpose of this reroute is to make biking more accessible and not have barriers to biking in the area because it is such a great asset.
  - Nothing in the Biking Guide magazine about Silverthorne and this could change that.
  - On the Artic Placer trail, the first 150 ft of the trail looks like a waterfall.
  - Met with Bill Jackson and the Forest Service trail experts. They want us to redesign the whole trail in order to do the first 150’ of it. They say it isn’t an official trail, even though it is recognized in their system.
  - Susan reached out to the trail expert they suggested to get a quote of the cost. Will also ask what it would cost just to do the first 150’.
  - It is very steep so stairs may be an option.
- h. Open Space Land Acquisition – Update - John Taylor – see below
- i. Blue River Trail Updates – Susan L
  - An agreement was reached with the Crowley’s to take down their signs. The Town is putting in a gate at the stairs, and looking at additional signage to notify path users that they are crossing onto private property.
  - The Town is looking for easements to complete segment 6.

## 2. OSAC Update – John T

-We need to keep working on land acquisitions that will further the goal of the Silverthorne Loop trail. -When the Smith Ranch property develops they will want access from the back of their property which there is none now. We need to be forward thinking about these sort of things so that when they happen we have a plan in place.

-As Maryland creek gets further along in development we need to ensure that they have the path in mind. Otherwise it will be pushed to the back burner and they will not get the access it needs.

-OSAC is a great partner and we need to utilize them since that makes our buying power much greater.

-The Town is working on an IGA with OSAC for how property will be managed when it is purchased jointly.

- A more formal alignment for the Loop Trail should be developed to assist planning efforts.

3. Budget Prioritization of POST Goals for 2017/2018

-We have a list of what we want to happen in the next few years and it is still too large and needs to be cut down. We have separated it into 2year, 3-5 year, 5+ years, and 10+ year priorities.

-Alternative funding sources need to be found for some things and others we just need to get real about and focus the next two years on what is fiscally feasible.

-The goal would be to present the final plan to Town Council at the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Joint Worksession. The subcommittee will be meeting again next week to work on this plan.

**III: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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1. Upcoming dates:
  - a. Tuesday, July 26, 2016, 5:30pm, OSAC Presentation at Town Council Worksession
  - b. Thursday, July 28, 2016, Rainbow Park West Entrance Redesign – Final Design Presentation and Ice Cream Social at Rainbow Park 5-7:00 pm
  - c. Tuesday, August 2, 2016, Osprey Walk
  - d. Next SPORT Meeting – August 18, 2016
  - e. Joint Town Council-SPORT Worksession, Tuesday, August 23, 2016
2. Staff and Member Comments

**V: ADJOURNMENT**

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Motion to adjourn at 7:25pm Pat Taylor, second Mary Kay Rachwalski