**OEC Meeting Minutes/Staff Report**

**March 9, 2020**

Present: Dick Unruh, Monica Carey, John Humphries, Rhonda Claridge, Tyler Schultz

Phone presence: none

**Agenda:**

1. Worksession for open space language in draft Master Plan
2. Develop timeline/work plan for next 6 mos

**Action Items:**

* Dick Unruh to provide relevant Co Statutes re Recreation Land Preservation (done)
* Monica to work with P&Z re scope of OEC changes in draft Master Plan open space language (done)
* John Humphries to provide Dark Skies language for draft Master Plan
* Monica to research existence of formative language for 3-Mile Planning Area referenced throughout current Master Plan - what gives this "teeth"?

**Next meeting April 13, 2020 6pm:**

a. Worksession for open space language in draft Master Plan

**Meeting notes**

* + 1. Rhonda walked committee through draft Master Plan thoughts and notes. She is working on reformatting the entire document to consolidate open space and update language and concepts and to make the document easier to collaborate with P&Z. It is understood that P&Z does not have a working draft at this time. Update - Monica went to P&Z on March 10 to discuss state of document. P&Z agrees that OEC to own the document through mid to late April. P&Z agrees with OEC approach and reorganization. P&Z will then own until certain sections are updated. Anticipate June/July joint OEC/P&Z final review prior to sending to General Assembly. Monica will xlate the current 2019 Master Plan survey results into an xls for easier searching/cut/paste for P&Z to use, similarly to how the 2019 Open Space Rec survey was formatted/used.
    2. Discussed how the master plan phrase used repeatedly might give us valley standing with USFS - "residential character"
    3. Discussion about snowmobiles and rogue trails in the Ophir Valley. Unpermitted, unregulated use of the Ophir Valley. Realized that we have not located any foundation document that gives us standing for events outside of the town limits. Also, any MOUs with USFS or county? Rhonda notes that the Core Act, if passed, would allow no snowmobiles, would be mute point. Dick notes that there is Colorado statues against disfiguring public lands and will copy group.
    4. Recently, the Kvale/Ward property at Carbonaro snow cat has been repeatedly and too widely plowing the pass road. Some weeks ago, Town Manager passed the complaint to the resident and there was also a conversation between owner and County. Per HCA, committee believes that the plowing is illegal.

**Relevant Notes from Staff 3/3/2020**

Was not attended due to committee chair ill. Note that there may not be any April staff or GA meetings, TBD. Update: due to COVID-19, there may be no meetings at all in Town Hall for immediate future.

**Immediate Goals with Probable Timeline:**

1. ~~Conduct survey (Nov) DONE~~
2. ~~Finalize a resolution template, to be used for open space projects, inclusive of development/maintenance/restoration/financing plans (Dec)~~
3. ~~Bike trail hearing (Feb 10)~~
4. ~~Review bike trail proposal against recognized surveys, ordinances, LUC, Master Plan (Mar 9)~~
5. ~~Prepare bike trail recommendation for presentation to February GA (Mar 9).~~
6. Contribute to P&Z effort of drafting master plan re open space language (Jan - April)
7. Review planting of approx 40 free trees planned for open space (Jan - April )
8. Review town reseeding/management plan for plow-damaged areas (Jan - April)
9. Review funding of USFS Ophir Pass area gates/repair from open space funds (Apr)
10. Review broadband infrastructure installation for alignment to Open Space LUC (TBD)
11. Review water plant installation for alignment to Open Space LUC (TBD)
12. Review existing parks and potential parks for alignment to Park District ordinance 94-10 and to recognized surveys, ordinances, LUC, Master Plan (TBD)
13. Discuss recommendation for town-owned lots in Spring Gulch to become a park.