



BLUE RIVER OPEN SPACE & TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2023

**February 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM
0110 Whispering Pines Circle, Blue River, CO**

AGENDA

The public is welcome to attend the meeting either in person or via Zoom.

The Zoom link is available on the Town website:

<https://townofblueriver.colorado.gov/blue-river-open-space-trails-committee>

Please note that seating at Town Hall is limited.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from November 2022

IV. NEW BUSINESS

B. Appointment of Committee Chair and Co-Chair position(s) for 2023

C. Item to be included in Town Newsletter

D. Recap of presentations at the December and January Board of Trustees meetings related to the

Draft - Implementation Strategy document dated 11/2/2022

V. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING - March 8, 2023 Field Trip; March 28, 2023 Committee Meeting



Blue River Open Space & Trails Committee
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Minutes

The Open Space & Trails Committee meeting was held In-Person and via Zoom.
The public was invited to attend.

Mission Statement

*To assist the Board of Trustees towards the implementation of the Town of Blue River
Open Space and Trails Plan adopted July 19, 2022*

Committee Members attending in Person: Chair Wiley Asher, Co-Chair Paul Semmer, Joe Hamlet, Eric Hann, Bob Rehor and Adrienne Stuckey.

Committee Members attending via Zoom: None

Also in attendance in Person: Board Liaison – Trustee Joel Dixon and Deputy Clerk John DeBee.

Excused: Ben Kadlec, Ron Sosnowski

Absent: None

- I. Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - Co-Chair Semmer requested an addition to the Agenda to discuss his expiring term on the Committee as of December 31, 2022. A Motion was made by Paul Semmer to approve the Agenda with the addition of this item. The motion was seconded by Joe Hamlet. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from October 2022 meeting.
 - A Motion was made by Paul Semmer to approve the Minutes. This motion was seconded by Eric Hann. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Open Space & Trail Management Activities
 - Mayor's email dated October 19, 2022: The discussion opened with Trustee Dixon and Co-Chair Semmer informing the Committee about the report to the Trustees at the last Board meeting concerning Committee activity. The discussion then

addressed the email received from the Mayor. Some Committee members believe they are doing what is asked of them. Others believe the email addressed the Committee's need for specific action, a breakdown in communication and clarification on the direction the Committee needs to proceed.

- Easement Negotiations Update: Trustee Dixon provided a summary of the progress being made on the easement being donated to the Town. This included the placement of flagging marking the easement and slash pile clean-up by Trustee Dixon and Co-Chair Semmer. In addition, Trustee Dixon has worked with an adjacent landowner and a contractor to make improvements to the easement the Town already has which will connect with the easement the Town is in the process of formally securing. A formal survey has been ordered by the Town Manager. The Town Attorney and Town Manager are working on the necessary documents to secure a formal easement.
- Draft – Implementation Strategy document dated November 2, 2022: Since the last meeting, Co-Chair Semmer took the original document dated October 2022, revised the format and condensed the content for analysis by the Board of Trustees. The Committee requested this revised document along with a copy of the Mayor's email be provided to the Board of Trustees during Trustee Dixon's report to the Trustees at their November meeting. The Committee would like to schedule a Work Session with the Board to discuss future efforts of the Committee. The conversation then continued requesting Trustee Dixon approach the Board about considering the possibility of beginning a dialogue with the Forest Service, Summit County and the Town of Breckenridge to establish relationships and create awareness of our Open Space and Trails Master Plan.
- 2023 BROSAT meetings: After receiving the Board of Trustees approval, all future meetings beginning January 2023 will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.
- Town newsletter item(s): Chair Asher will develop a brief article about the Open Space & Trails Committee and submit to Staff to be included in the Town newsletter.
- Expiration of Co-Chair Semmer's term: It was noted the term of Co-Chair Semmer is set to expire December 31st. He has expressed an interest in staying on the Committee. A Motion was made by Joe Hamlet requesting the Board of Trustees renew the appointment of Paul Semmer to the Committee for another term. This motion was seconded by Adrienne Stuckey. The motion passed unanimously with Paul Semmer abstaining.

VI. New Announcements

- None

VII. Adjourn

- A Motion was made by Joe Hamlet to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Wiley Asher. The motion passed unanimously. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

VIII.

IX. Next meeting – December 13, 2022

Trails Committee Minutes December & January.

Please refer to the implementation document reviewed by the Board of Trustees. It goes in order by bullets. The Mayor has asked this to be broken down by planning area. Please break this down, prioritize and come back to Trustees with a specific ask. The Board asked to have Muller Engineering provide a scope of work and estimate for the development of an interactive map. Muller will be developing a baseline based on comments from the January Board of Trustees meeting. They will be coming to the Committee for input once it's set. This is expected to take a few weeks.

- Bullet 1:
 - Trustee Hopkins discussed that the Town needs to first have its own strategic plan and message before collaborating with others. Paul Semmer noted that it would be informational and introductory to start. Discussion in agreement to define town message first.
- Bullet 2:
 - Trustee Hopkins and Mayor Babich asked what actions are needed. Examples were given on town owned easements. Discussion on how it will be resolved in future easements along platted subdivision pedestrian easements. This would be resolved as easements are sought with negotiations with landowners. Discussion that focuses need to be on easements dedicated to the town and not platted easements.
- Bullet 3:
 - Mr. Semmer provided an explanation of the item. He noted that the USFS will be updating their master plan for this area in 2023 and an opportunity for town participation. Staff would watch and then bring to the committee for consideration.
- Bullet 4:
 - Noted a more interactive detail map to be developed. Trustee Hopkins set it after next summer as a priority 2. Staff asked to approach Muller for cost and maintenance development.
- Bullet 5:
 - Supportive.
- Bullet 6:
 - Trustee Hopkins and Mayor questioned need. Mr. Semmer asked if it would be considered as the land use code is developed. Discussion of how land owned by private entities must still follow town process for zoning. Mayor noted to have this as a future agenda item for additional discussion.
- Bullet 7:
 - Trustee Hopkins felt this was two items. Noted that the over passes and corridors were removed within town limits during the CDOT Access Plan development.
 - Trustee Hopkins asked about the outreach effort and how does that fit in current efforts. Mr. Semmer suggested another open house with assistance

from Snow Engineering as well as individual conversations to get a feel for buy-in.

- Bullet 8:
 - Noted that it didn't fit the plan at this point. Discussion to be more aggressive at Town Park or town properties.
- Bullet 9:
 - Noted as a priority 2. Mr. Semmer stated there may be opportunities for the Town to work to maintain through a special use permit and control over the areas. Noted support to work on identifying and bringing to Trustees.
- Bullet 10:
 - Noted staff is working on this and needs to finish that work before moving forward.
- Bullet 11:
 - Trustee Hopkins asked for reason for it. Mr. Semmer referred to previous conversation and potential land use discussion. Noted it should be indicated on the map. Mayor asked about cost, benefit and purpose. Mr. Semmer noted to protect the environment and recreation experience. Discussion open to looking at it.
- Bullet 12:
 - Trustee Hopkins noted that it a later discussion and a priority 3. Mayor discussed the Trustees need to evaluate areas with recommendations to the committee. He noted this for a future discussion.
- Bullet 13:
 - Trustee Fossett noted that Summit County and Breckenridge are not pursuing due to costs. This has been evaluated and included in the CDOT Access Plan. Mr. Semmer noted it should be watched for the future. Discussion to remove from the list.
- Bullet 14:
 - Trustee Hopkins asked for need. Mr. Semmer stated it would be for more control different from a special use permit and establishing a relationship with USFS. This may be a future field trip or trail days project.
 - Planning Area 2 was reviewed:
 - a. B. 1-B. 2
 - i. Trustee Hopkins noted this would be a priority level 2.
 - ii. It was noted this would be an opportunity to partner with organizations on an environmental perspective.
 - iii. Mayor Babich noted a need to look at acquisitions wholistically including budgets and priorities and what the limitations would be. He recommended the Trustees review the list and parcels on their own time. He asked for the Committee to advise on what is actionable.

- iv. Discussion to include the identified areas placed on a map and brought to the Trustees for recommendation on acquisition to be delegated to staff to pursue.
 - v. B2 crosses four separate landowners and serves as a priority for trail development. Discussion this should be placed on the back burner.
 - vi. Discussion to have Muller create an interactive overlay map with all of the spreadsheet information.
 - vii. B3. This has been verified by both staff and the HOA and is documented. Research additional platted easements within the HOA.
 - viii. B4. Discussion this is in need of more information.
- Planning area 3
 - a. C1. C 2. Completed.
 - b. C3. Trustee Hopkins knows the family and will reach out.
 - c. C4. Noted it is on USFS land and is need of erosion control.
 - d. C5. Discussion to be a research project and inquiry with the property owners and more of a second stage project.
 - e. C6. Discussion to have the Committee needs to come back with a specific request and breakdown on this section.
 - f. C7. Discussion to have the map and then break it down.
 - g. C8.-C9. Noted to evaluate the trail network as planning occurs for fire mitigation.