



Minutes

Town of Blue River

Blue River Comprehensive Plan Committee

November 5, 2020

Blue River Town Hall, 0110 Whispering Pines Circle

6:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Register in advance for this meeting:

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Attendance: Sarah Thorsteinson-Chair; Tori Aidala; Brownell Bailey; Dan Cleary; Mark Fossett; Bevan Hardy; Jon Warnick; Tim West; Bob Widner-Town Attorney; Michelle Eddy-Town Manager

I. Recap Likes/Dislikes Existing Plan

- Discussion of everyone's likes/dislikes.
 - Comments were very positive and focus on recreation and keeping of character of town.
 - Rec path and access easements for hiking/biking as well as trail head issues.
 - Discussion on how much is done at the Tarn. A large focus around the Tarn.
 - Noted the comments were generally consistent.

II. Recreation Discussion

- Likes
 - Tarn
 - Obtain land purchase of the "donut"
 - Develop idea of what it could look like being cognizant of preserving the character and not putting too many "items" in the idea. Ensure that it is flexible and not specific.
 - Natural trails
 - Draw on history
 - Interpretive signs
 - Wildlife impact study
 - Control access to Tarn
 - Safety
 - Gate
 - Parking area improvements
 - Resident permitting
 - Restroom Facilities
 - Work in conjunction with the Town of Breckenridge to preserve dam area
 - Boat ramp
 - Timing

- Development timeline to address parking improvement and boat area while dam is under repair.
 - Plan should also include acquisition or easement use to allow for opportunity to conduct improvements.
- Sustainable/interpretive trail that provides access near river and wetlands without being intrusive into the wetlands.
 - Include information on the wetlands and wildlife to be found by the Tarn.
 - Opportunity for land to the south for additional parking and walking.
- Subdivision connectivity to the Tarn.
- Trails
 - Connect with working being conducted by the Trails Committee for development
 - Responsible trail head use to limit impacts on the community. It is noted that the current trails plan being developed does not encourage development or improvements to trail heads.
 - Interpretive signage
 - Expansion/improvement of town trails that are not necessarily “public” trails.
 - Directional signage to direct people to National Forest trail head Spruce Creek Rd
 - Resident permitting
 - Partner with neighboring stakeholders for funding sources for trail development and maintenance
 - Limit trailhead use to mitigate neighborhood impacts and preserve trails for resident use.
 - Refer to the Trails and Open Space Plan for uses and vision
 - Plan should be developed with established goals listed
 - Focus on conservation and eco-tourism
- Other Items
 - Mountain bike
 - Dog park
 - Sledding hill
 - Identify and obtain land to provide some of these opportunities
- Connectivity
 - Hoosier Pass Recreation Path referring to the CDOT Access Plan
 - Use the existing plan including the Access Plan
 - Establish a funding mechanism to build the path
 - Keep section on trail connectivity and refer to the Trails/Open Space Plan
 - Subdivision connection
 - Include maps with better definition of use
 - Local way finding signage versus public use
- Include enhanced pictures to provide a clear vision of recreation in Blue River

III. Homework Assignment

- December
 - Future Land use discussion
 - Survey discussion to include public Zoom meetings to gather additional input. Bring to the meeting with ideas on what to ask.
- For January
 - Review draft chapter of recreation

- Discussion about including P/Z and Trails in future stakeholder meetings.

IV. Next Meeting, December 3, 2020, 6:00 p.m.