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TO: Board of County Commissioners
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Sara R. Lopez
RE: Work Session Meeting of May 26, 2020
DATE: May 26, 2020

Attendees:

Elected Officials: Karn Stiegelmeier, Elisabeth Lawrence and Thomas C. Davidson (via phone) – Commissioners

Staff: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Cameron Turpin, Assistant County Attorney; Keely Ambrose, Assistant County Attorney; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Staff (via phone): Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Julie Sutor, Communications Director; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Brian Lorch, Open Space & Trails Director; Christine Zenel, Open Space & Trails Resource Specialist; Jason Lederer, Open Space & Trails Senior Resource Specialist; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director and Amy Wineland, Public Health Director

Guests (via phone): Lucinda Burns, Peter Siegel, Scott Verlinde, Hal Vatcher, Al Woods, Anne Murphy, Janice Burnam, Stacy Shelden, Tanner Banks, George Gruber, Greg Hardy and others who did not sign in.

I. Summit Preschool (SPK) Discussion

Sarah Vaine and Lucinda Burns gave an update on the status of Preschool and Childcare Centers reopening preparation with reduced enrollment. Most families still don't know whether to enroll their child as they are not sure when they will return to work. Most of the revenue for the preschool centers comes from tuition enrollment. The only way to reduce expenses would be to reduce staff, except that with a reduced enrollment, centers need more staff to keep physical distancing amongst children.

Sarah Vaine suggested the county fund centers through the end of June until they return to some sort of normalcy. Commissioner Lawrence suggested keeping funding as is for June-August and evaluate the situation for September 1st, when the new cycle starts.

Sarah Vaine and the SPK group will bring a more updated report mid-July to assist Commissioners in making a decision. In the meantime, the group will look into more solutions.

II. Open Space & Trails (OST) Review Letter of Proposed Expansion at Keystone Resort
Christine Zenel gave an overview of the letter draft on the proposed Bergman Bowl Enhancement Projects at Keystone Resort currently under review by the US Forest Service (USFS).

The letter covers issues such as water and wildlife resources which are not contained by jurisdictional boundary lines, and their protection is a central component of the County and Snake River Basin guiding master plans. These concerns include but are not limited to:

- Wetlands
- Lynx Habitat
- Traffic and Parking
- Social and Economic Impacts

Commissioners asked questions, offered feedback and suggestions regarding the tone of the letter.

III. Swan River Restoration

Brian Lorch and Jason Lederer gave a digital presentation on the following but not limited to:

The Open Space and Trails Department (OST) had a very successful 2019 season, opening the recently restored 36 acre Reach A restoration site to the public and continuing gravel removal from Reach B. Ongoing monitoring efforts on Reach A indicate that three years after the completion of major restoration construction, the site is in excellent condition. Additionally, a fall 2019 fishery survey conducted by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) indicates a very healthy fishery is becoming established in the new Swan River Reach A channel.

During 2019, staff coordinated with the Contractor and County's design engineer, Ecological Resource Consultants, Inc. (ERC) to optimize the final Reach B gravel removal (grading) plan, and prepare the site for final restoration work. In coordination with ERC, staff facilitated efforts to:

- Optimize the Reach B grading plan for the Contractor to reference during their ongoing gravel removal work. (Please recall that the Contractor's license agreement with the County requires them to rough grade in the channel and provide materials to be used for the final restoration work – e.g., processed gravels, soil, etc.)
- Complete a conceptual restoration design and Basis of Design Report with construction cost estimates to support of final project planning and fundraising efforts

Also in 2019, Summit County applied for and was awarded a \$150,000 CPW Wetland and Riparian Restoration, Enhancement, and Creation grant, identifying rock royalties as the source for required matching funds. The CPW Wetlands Program was an important funding partner for the Reach A restoration effort and supportive of the County's interest in pursuing funding during this grant cycle.

Staff also coordinated with the DNR Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (DRMS) to incorporate the Reach B restoration designs into the approved final reclamation condition for the Reach B site. The previous approved reclamation condition only allowed for/required a very basic closure of the site (minor grading, seeding, and erosion control).

2020 PLANS AND GOALS

Recently updated Reach B grading plans prepared by the County's engineer identify the final site grades the Contractor should aim to achieve prior to the cessation of their gravel removal operations. Based on the most updated Reach B grading plan, the Project is now effectively entering the restoration phase where rough grades of the natural features will be established (e.g., uplands, riparian corridor, and wetlands areas) in tandem with the ongoing gravel removal process. Work will also likely include relocation of culverts in Rock Island Road to allow the Reach B site to drain as restoration features are being constructed during gravel removal operations. Per the Contractor's agreement with the County and Town, all milling/crushing activity must be completed prior to the May 3, 2021 expiration of the CUP and gravel removal work completed prior to May 3, 2022.

In anticipation of the cessation of gravel operations and in support of the goal to commence final restoration construction as soon as possible thereafter, staff recommends hiring a design-build team this year to conduct final Reach B restoration design and permitting with the goal of initiating restoration construction during 2021. Staff would follow an approach and model similar to what was successfully implemented at Reach A.

Commissioners asked questions and offered feedback. They thanked the team for their work.

IV. Managers' and Commissioners' Issues

Senior Management and Commissioners discussed several topics including but not limited to:

All County Staff Meeting is scheduled for June 4th and will be held via Zoom. An email will be sent out requesting questions.

Bentley Henderson informed the group that Chris Lubber has accepted the Transit Director position.

Commissioners also reviewed schedules and upcoming calendar events.

V. Review of the ongoing Public Health COVID-19 Local Disaster Emergency and the Legal Issues related thereto (Public Health Dept., Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended).

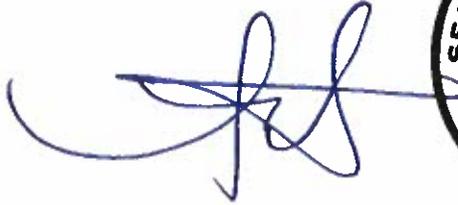
Jeff Huntley and Scott Vargo requested an amendment to the Work Session Agenda to add an Executive Session discussion regarding an agreement with the Family Intercultural Center (FIRC).

A motion was made by Commissioner Davidson and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence to go into Executive Session to review the Legal Advice related to Public Health COVID-19 Local Disaster Emergency and the Legal Issues related thereto. BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive

Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (b)(c)(d)(e) with specific reference to 25-1-122. The motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Sara R Lopez, Deputy Clerk



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Approved by:



Karn Stiegelmeier, Chair