

Attendance:

OSC Members Present: Susie St Onge, Jason Merritt, Sefra Maples,

OSC Members Absent: Roger Wickman, Yvette Henson, Angela Dye, Laura Kudo

SMC Staff: Janet Kast, Greg Pollio

Call to Order: July 24 4:09 p.m. by Chairperson Susan St. Onge

New: East End Trail (Bridal Veil Trail area)

- County Road and bridge had the road paved from the porta potty area to the Bridal Veil Trail parking area. People are driving much faster because of this. Idarado decided they needed to come up with a safer option to get to the trail head. OSC is working with Parks and Rec and Dave Swansen (from Idarado) to come up with a trail to connect to the Bridal Veil Trail.
- Trail is to start from the end of the Idarado legacy trail, dropping down next to their fencing and river area, ending in the parking lot. Trail would be about ½ mile long.
- The key is to create more safe travel for pedestrians walking the Idarado legacy trail.
- Idarado has agreed to use their equipment and staff on site.
- We would possibly use part of the driveway of the last house before you get to Idarado. The driveway is on town easements.
- Continue borders to keep people out of the tailings ponds.
- Has some preliminary mapping but needs to be cleaned up before it is released.
- Road and bridge was checking it out and making sure they are on-board before OSC has been brought in.

Perimeter Trail Update (11:30):

- Site walk on July 6, county , Dave Foley and Mountain Club met and tried to figure out how to not cross property of National Forest so we won't have to go through a longer process.
- Back to plan A including US Forest Service. We have to avoid idarado property with work going on in the tailings ponds area.
- Route is going back to the original route, route A.
- Presenting a new trail possibly crossing into US Forest Service land that would offer bigger views. Now we're asking for information involving working with NEPA and US Forest, waiting for a response.
- Now we have to go through the 1 to 2 year NEPA process.
- Biggest concern from Idarado for using their active roadways is they have machinery using roadways and do not want to put hikers in the mix.

Mill Creek Park (19:00):

- RFP is out and bids are due back August 11. From grading to landscaping basically from soup to nuts. Details are on the county website
- May need to be done in phases, but it would be great to just get it open by this fall.
- Historic sites will get buried.
- Cultural resource survey report done by METCALF. Archaeological items were removed, cataloged and dated.
- Report done by the state archeological officer and the state historic preservation officer to give approval to bury on site.
- They did not find anything of archaeological importance
- There would be historic interpretive signage throughout the park.
- RFP is open to anybody including local and regional.

Flume Trail (25:00):

- Passion project for Historic commission. Starts in Ilium and parallels an old historic flume structure.
- Hiccup is that it crossed over land owned by the Cordiera Corp.

- Tom Kennedy says if we can work something out to get off of the future developable part of the property they might be amenable with this.
- This trail would become a US Forest Service trail and not a county trail. This would also have to be a part of the NEPA process.
- Need to work out the alignment of the trail and continue all the way into Ilium and down the road to the utility road and Sampa station.
- It would eventually connect with the Galloping Goose.

Down Valley Connector Feasibility Study (31:30):

- Waiting for the final summary report, which should be completed next week. Once the final summary is submitted we will start the approval process.
- We are running into delays with CDOT with staffing issues.
- Maybe this goes in as segments to make sure each segment is safe, safe to get to bus stops.
- Grant money from CDOT multi modal funds has not lined out what the ADA requirements are in order to comply.
- The down valley corridor is not always conducive to accommodate ADA.
- Scott Blanger is the main person working on this with OTEK.
- Plan for crossing the highway for overpasses is not an option at this point.
- At some place there could be a crossover, TBD.

East End Master Plan (45:00):

- Kay Simonson will be meeting with an advising group. They are accepting comments.
- Page 40 is where the vision statement is located. This was something everyone was concerned about.
- Kay will present the Master Plan July 27, no plans on when to release to the public.
- Concerned with the original vision statement, the new version addresses Open Space, Climate Change.
- Janet will take a look at what was implemented and what is still outstanding. Janet will update about the meeting once she has attended it.

San Juan Highway update (55:00):

- 5 different designations in the official scenic byway.
- The whole San Juan Skyway in the southwest area is getting some attention now.
- Kudos to Angela and John Wontrobsky for all of the work done on this.
- Possibly review slideshow in next meeting.

Next meeting is August 28: Minutes to be approved at next meeting.

Meeting is Adjourned : July 24, 2023 at 5:10