



Town of Blue River Memorandum

TO: Mayor Babich & Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Town Manager Michelle Eddy

DATE: December 6, 2023

SUBJECT: **Blue River Committees Overview**

Citizen Advisory Committee

Organized: 2017

Number of different members since inception: 20

Projects Completed

- **Surveys**
 - Town Survey 2017
 - Town Survey 2019
 - Noxious Weeds
 - Natural Night Sky
 - Short-term Rentals
- **Development of the following programs:**
 - Open Space & Trails Advisory Committee developed from Town Survey results 2017.
 - Noxious Weeds Management Plan & Board
 - Weed & Seed Program
 - Community Fund
 - High School Scholarship Program
 - Community Education Events
 - Defensible Space
 - Living With Wildlife
 - Natural Night Sky
- **Events**
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Town Celebration
 - Town Clean-up Day
 - Weed & Seed
 - Participation of Summit County Weed Pull Event

Open Space & Trails Advisory Committee

Organized: 2018

Number of different members since inception: 16

Projects Completed

- **Development of:**
 - Identification of current platted easements, social trails, and existing trails.
 - Identification of potential trails and open space parcels.
 - Blue River Open Space & Trails Plan
 - Acquisition of three trails easements
 - Assist with development of overall trails and open space map
- **Events**
 - 2019-Trails Day with FDRD
 - Hosted a trails open house 2019

Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee

Organized: 2020

Number of members: 8

Project Completed:

- Development of the updated Town of Blue River Comprehensive Plan

For Discussion Purposes:

- Create one singular committee that is assigned tasks or projects as needed. The Committee could continue existing committee projects and make recommendations for new programs back to the Trustees. It would be suggested they work to take the Comprehensive Plan and develop ideas from there to ensure it's a living document.
- Reorganize committees with specific tasks related to Trustees goals and vision and related to existing town documents.

Existing/ongoing projects:

- High School Scholarship Awards
- Town Clean-up
- Trunk/Treat
- Town Celebration

Potential projects:

- Expand on Summit County Weed Pull Event & Weed/Seed Program
- 60th Anniversary Celebration and Tarn grand re-opening
- Informational sessions or a town hall event for owners who may be able to provide an easement for trail linkage. This would be an opportunity to meet with owners, provide background/education and determine interest in providing an easement.
- Development of a vision plan for Town Park improvements.
- Additional educational sessions on weeds, lighting, wildfire mitigation and living with wildlife.
- Improve upon Community Chats
- Conduct a roads survey to determine desire for paving or other improvements.