



**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2010 (5:30pm-7:30pm)**

## **ITINERARY and AGENDA**

### **5:30pm – 6:30pm Discussion of Master Plan**

*Susan Luescher (DOWL HKM) gave a brief overview of the draft plan and comments received to date.*

*Laurie Holland stated that more development in Section 36 is a concern for the Bear Valley Community Council. She has read the comments and feels that this is a good balance between no development and high density development. Julian Mason agreed and stated the trail density that is shown is consistent with what he had in mind when providing input. This area has a big demand for people who don't train competitively, but for people who want to enjoy a space in a more casual manner.*

### **6:30pm – 7:00pm Comments**

*Julian stated he does not believe the settlement agreement reached in 1995 prohibits trails in a wildlife corridor, however it is the Master Plans responsibility to determine what the settlement agreement means to trail development. A meeting with ADF&G Habitat Division will be set up to discuss which areas are wildlife corridors and which are not. It was noted that soft surface trails facilitate wildlife movement, which could put users at risk. The meeting with ADF&G will help define the actual wildlife corridor and what type(s) of trail(s) is/isn't appropriate.*

*Holly Spoth-Torres (P&R) stated the trails would be developed along the standards of ADF&G and the adopted set of trail standards. It was determined that a section about the settlement agreement would be added in the plan.*

*Nordic Class 2 and 3 ski trails were discussed. Mobilizing grooming equipment would be difficult for P&R to maintain the trails. NSAA would possibly need to maintain the trails if they were built. Julian stated that he does not favor ski-only trails. If trails become ski only, Section 36 would not be compatible with other trail users and many would not be able to simply use the trails to walk, hike, etc. It would also be a constant battle to keep those trails*

*as “ski-only.” Susanne Comellas noted that the debris from the wind would become a problem with keeping the trails ski-only and that it would be more desirable to designate them as multi-use. It was also discussed at the meeting that the trails need to be limited to low to moderate density since high density trails probably could not be built due to drainage.*

*It was noted that the plan needs to be clear in the fact that parking, outhouses, etc. aren’t a “developable” portion of the park, but are a part of the zoning (PLI) and are considered part of the park. The CAC determined that parking should be kept out of neighborhoods and kept closer to the entrance of the park, with the only restroom preferably at Storck Park.*

**7:00pm – 7:15pm      Implementation and Phasing**

*There was discussion regarding implementing the standards for a multi-use trail. It was noted that multi-use would include equestrian.*

*It was noted that HLB is looking at possibly placing a conservation easement on the wetlands to the south of Clark’s Road. However, people who ski on the wetlands during the winter will continue to do so. It will be hard to manage winter use only trails throughout the entire park.*

**7:15pm – 7:30pm      Next Steps (Tentative Schedule)**

<i>January 26, 2010</i>	<i>CAC Comments Finalized</i>
<i>February 2, 2010</i>	<i>Comments Incorporated/Public Input Period</i>
<i>March 2, 2010</i>	<i>Public Comment Period Ends</i>
<i>March 16, 2010</i>	<i>Possible CAC Meeting to Review Comments</i>