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PROPOSED DRAFT ACTION LETTER

April 25, 2022

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NOTICE OF PLANNING DIRECTOR

Description

Address: PCA-S-98-PCMR-1, PCA-29-A, PCA-29-D,
PCA-1003, SA-402-A, SA-253-B-2

District: Recreation and Open Space (ROS),
Sensitive Lands Overlay (SLO)

Application: Administrative Conditional Use Permit
Project Number: PL-22-05145

Action: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS (See Below)

Date of Final Action: April 25, 2022

Project Summary: Park City Mountain proposes to upgrade two ski lifts:
Silverlode (to remain in the same location) and Eagle (to
be realigned and extended).

Action Taken

On April 25, 2022, the Planning Director conducted an administrative public hearing and approved the construction for upgrading two ski lifts according to the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and conditions of approval.

Findings of Fact

1. The Site is located at Parcels PCA-S-98-PCMR-1, PCA-29-A, PCA-29-D, PCA-1003, SA-402-A, SA-253-B-2
2. The Site is in the Recreation and Open Space (ROS) and Sensitive Land



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Overlay (SLO) Zone.

3. The Applicant proposes to upgrade the existing Silverlode ski lift from a six-person chairlift to an eight-person chairlift.
4. The Silverlode ski lift upgrade is planned within the Park City Mountain Resort 1998 Mountain Upgrade Plan (MUP).
5. The existing Comfortable Carrying Capacity (CCC) for the Silverlode lift is 1650.
6. The allowed CCC upgrades for the Silverlode lift within the MUP is 2080.
7. The proposed CCC for the Silverlode upgrade is 1820 and complies with the MUP.
8. The Applicant proposes to replace the existing Eagle and Eaglet lifts with a single lift in an adjacent alignment.
9. The new Eagle (Chondola lift) upgrade is planned within the Park City Mountain Resort 1998 MUP.
10. The existing CCC for the Eagle lift is 90 and for Eaglet is 50.
11. The allowed CCC upgrades for the Chondola lift within the MUP is 1230.
12. The proposed CCC for the new Eagle (Chondola lift) upgrade is 580 and complies with the MUP.
13. The lift towers and ski terminals are to be replaced for both lifts.
14. The Planning Director approved the height of all lift towers that exceed 28 feet.
15. Staff reviewed the Administrative Conditional Use Permit Application for compliance with LMC Chapter 15-2.7, Recreation and Open Space (ROS) District, Chapter 15-2.21, Sensitive Land Overlay Zone (SLO) Regulations, Section 15-1-10 Conditional Use Permits, and Section 15-4-18, Passenger Tramways And Ski Base Facilities.
16. Staff posted notice to the City website, City Hall, and the property on March 29, 2022.
17. Staff mailed courtesy notices to the adjacent property owners on March 29, 2022.
18. The application complies with an Administrative review, per the six criteria listed in the 1998 Development Agreement:
 - Criteria 1. Consistency with the Mountain Upgrade plan. The selection of lift transportation type shall be at the sole discretion of



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the Developer. ***The Planning Director finds the lift upgrades comply with the 1998 MUP and are within the allowed CCC for the Park City side of the Resort.***

- Criteria 2. The Community Development Director may identify certain techniques as identified in the Park City Mountain Resort Resource Management Plan - Visual Management Guidelines to mitigate any impact to the view shed. The techniques include realignment, re-vegetation, and special silvacultural treatments between ski spaces to achieve the necessary blending. Traditional openings for ski trails and lifts with straight edges and uniform widths will be minimized to the greatest extent possible. Interconnected ski spaces of variable width and length, which are linked together in the fall-line to take advantage of the natural open spaces and vegetative conditions, islands and glades, natural or natural appearing trail edges, are preferred. Trails that are designed for base area return or circulation between fall line areas shall be designed for appropriate grades and widths consistent with minimizing visual impact. ***The Planning Director finds the visual impact of the lift upgrades have been minimized and are not more impactful than existing lifts being replaced/upgraded.***
- Criteria 3. Ski run lighting shall be consistent with the Park City lighting standards. Glare shall be minimized to the greatest extent possible. ***The Planning Director finds there is no proposed lighting with the lift upgrades.***
- Criteria 4. Lift towers shall be painted or otherwise treated to blend with the natural surroundings. The color black, as currently used on the Payday Lift, is considered to be the most appropriate. Other colors may be appropriate that are consistent with low contrast with the surrounding vegetation and terrain. Galvanized lift equipment shall be treated to minimize reflectivity. ***The Planning Director finds the lift towers will be treated to blend with the natural surroundings.***
- Criteria 5. Vegetation management, re-vegetation and erosion control techniques shall be designed in accordance with the Park City Mountain Resort Resource Management Plan - Vegetation



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Management Plan and Re-vegetation Guidelines. The objective shall be to achieve a vegetative condition that enhances the skier experience and long-term forest health. Re-vegetation shall be designed to control erosion and to restore ground cover as quickly as possible after ground disturbing activities. ***The Planning Director finds vegetation removal will be mitigated.***

- ***Criteria 6. Parking.*** At all times Developer shall assure that it has adequate parking or has implemented such other assurances, as provided in the Parking Mitigation Plan (PMP), to mitigate the impact of any proposed expansion of lift capacity. ***The Applicant submitted a PMP dated April 19, 2022, stating that PCM will implement paid parking with a regulated reservation system starting the 2022/2023 ski season. This plan proposes to increase Average Vehicle Occupancy (AVO), carpool and transit use, and more effectively manage traffic and parking impacts. The Planning Director finds that the PMP mitigates the impact of the lift upgrades.***

19. The Analysis Section of the Staff Report is incorporated herein.

Conclusions of Law

1. The proposal complies with the Land Management Code requirements pursuant to Chapter 15-2.7, Recreation and Open Space (ROS) District, Chapter 15-2.21, Sensitive Land Overlay Zone (SLO) Regulations, Section 15-1-10(E), Conditional Use Permits, and Section 15-4-18, Passenger Tramways And Ski Base Facilities.
2. The use will be compatible with surrounding Structures in use, scale, mass, and circulation.
3. The effects of any differences in use or scale have been mitigated through careful planning.
4. The proposal as conditioned complies with Section 2.3 of the Master Plan Development Agreement and the 1998 MUP.

Conditions of Approval

1. Final building plans and construction details shall reflect substantial compliance with the plans dated April 5, 2022. Any changes, modifications, or deviations from the approved design that have not been approved in advance by the Planning Department may result in a stop work order.
2. The Applicant may not proceed with any changes prior to notifying the



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- Planning Department and receiving the applicable approval.
3. Any changes, modifications, or deviations from the approved scope of work shall be submitted in writing for review and approval/denial in accordance with the applicable standards by the Planning Director or designee prior construction.
 4. The Applicant shall submit a vegetation removal and replacement plan with their building permit, subject to Planning Director approval.
 5. Any impact to open space or trails shall be mitigated by the Applicant to the satisfaction of the Planning Director and Open Space Program Manager. The Applicant shall submit a trails plan with their building permit.
 6. The operation of the new ski lifts shall comply with the City Noise Ordinance, Chapter 6-3.
 7. The new lifts shall extend a distance of at least ten feet outward from the vertical plane established by the outermost surface of the Passenger Tramway.
 8. The Applicant shall comply with the 25-foot ROS Setback requirement for all structures and staging areas.
 9. The ski lifts are subject to safety regulation by the Passenger Tramway Safety Committee of the State Department of Transportation.
 10. The Eagle and Eaglet lifts shall be dismantled and removed, prior to the operation of the new lifts, and site restored to a natural state.
 11. The Applicant shall be required to submit a fully updated analysis of the Comfortable Carrying Capacity for any future lift upgrade proposals.
 12. The Applicant shall submit a geotechnical report and foundation structural analysis calculations at the time of Building Permit application.
 13. Any proposed overflow parking with Canyons and Park City School District must be approved by Summit County and the School District respectively.
 14. The Applicant shall provide information that the proposed Parking Mitigation Plan dated April 19, 2022, is in effect before the start of the 2022/2023 ski season. This includes the implementation of 90 employee parking spaces at Munchkin and a paid parking reservation system.
 15. The Applicant shall meet with the Planning Director and other relevant staff within sixty (60) days of completion of the 2023 season and at least bi-annually thereafter to provide parking and traffic studies demonstrating compliance with



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the Parking Mitigation Plan. The applicant shall share relevant parking information with staff, including achievement of increased Average Vehicle Occupancy numbers and the number of days the parking areas reached capacity. The Planning Director may impose additional conditions or operational changes if the Parking Mitigation Plan results in on-going adverse impacts or is not achieving increased Average Vehicle Occupancy.

16. This approval, including the parking mitigation herein, is solely for the installation and capacity associated with the lift upgrades subject to this application. This approval shall not have any bearing on other applications under the DA, the overall assessment of on-going compliance with the DA, and the requirements of new development which continue to be governed by the applicable LMC and DA in effect at the time of application.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this Final Action Letter, please call (435) 615-5068 or email lillian.lederer@parkcity.org.

Sincerely,

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