

**MANITOU SPRINGS
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RETREAT MINUTES
January 12, 2019 8:30 a.m.
Heritage Center - 517 Manitou Ave.**

Members Present:

Mike Maio (Chair)
Nancy Wilson (Vice-chair)
Sheryl Cline (Secretary)
Shannon Soloman
Che Freeman

Gary Michels
T.J. Maltese (alternate)

Members Absent:

Sue Graham

Staff: Dylan Becker

- I. Meeting was Called to order at 8:30 a.m. - Two Alternates Needed**
- II. Planning Retreat - purpose to establish OSAC goals for 2019 in alignment with the POST Master Plan.**
- III. Desired Outcomes for the meeting were:**
 - A. Review POST plan goals as they relate to OSAC.**
 - B. Have a general discussion on Conservation vs. Recreation as it pertains to OSAC decision making.**
 - C. Agree on 3-5 SMART goals for 2019**
- IV. Goals 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,13,14, 15, 16, 17, and 19 were each briefly discussed and some updates provided. Some progress was noted on some of goals but it was generally agreed that much more needs to be done.**
- V. A general discussion was held on how members view OSACS responsibility to “protect and preserve” open space, including wildlife habitat, forest health, etc. versus the need to provide recreational trails. It was generally agreed that the two can co-exist and that it is important to adhere to the community wishes as expressed in the POST Master Plan.**
- VI. The Boards and Commissions Ordinance that was passed on first reading by the Council was then read to the group. Discussion followed. Nancy and Mike will followup on questions regarding whether all new plat or re-plats can or will be sent for consideration of land dedication to OSAC. They will also follow up regarding Che’s question on liability. (Are OSAC members covered for Errors and Omissions?)**
- VII. A list of projects that have been proposed in discussion at OSAC meetings and site visits in the past year was then presented to the group. The group was asked for any additional projects that they would like to see considered. It was emphasized that there is almost no City staff to help accomplish these goals, any project will have to be shepherded by OSAC or OSAC will have to pay other groups (or work with volunteers) to accomplish them.**

- A. The list was then discussed and several projects were then grouped or eliminated through discussion. The list included the following, those in BOLD type received enough votes by the group to become **Goals for 2019**:
1. **Trail Maintenance** including: weed mitigation (CJ will contact Carol Beckman first), fire mitigation (Shannon will contact Hot Shot experts to provide an in-service for OSAC members), removal of barbed wire fence on Iron Mt. property, and exploring solution to scree passage at summit of Red Mountain. Trail Maintenance Committee was formed they are: Shannon, Gary, T.J. and Nancy.
 2. **Land Purchase** - Land Acquisition Sub-committee was formed (Mike, Shannon and Gary) they will look into Peakview properties remaining.
 3. **Trail Signage** - Signage Committee (Mike, Sue and Nancy) will pursue RFP or scope of work for signage using guidelines in the POST.
 4. **Re-route around Intemann stairs and reclamation of current stairs.** (Shannon will work with Shanti on initial steps, RMFI was also suggested)
 5. **Update Iron Mt. Management Plan** - (Che will check with Palmer Land Trust to see if this is required since nothing has been done or changed with the current plan.)
 6. Develop management plan for small parcels
 7. Build Sheep Mt. trail to summit
 8. **Assist efforts to build Creek Walk Trail** (Nancy and Mike will work with the Creek Walk Committee and begin research on the far west reach - the roundabout to Rainbow Falls)
 9. Waldo Canyon - Che and Shannon will continue to attend meetings and report back.
 10. Ring Manitou Trail - Waldo Canyon group may be helpful here - continue to monitor.
 11. **Black Canyon Archeological study.** Dylan has written the RFP.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05