



**CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY AGENDA
Council Chambers – 606 Manitou Avenue
Monday, April 22, 2019, 6:00 pm**



I. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBER OPENINGS

A Regular Meeting of the Manitou Springs Open Space Advisory Committee was held in Council Chambers @ 606 Manitou Avenue. Chairman Maio called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and declared a quorum present. The following Committee members attended:

- PRESENT:** Michael Maio, Chair
Nancy Wilson, Vice Chair
Sue Graham, Committee Member (6:04 Arrival)
Anthony “TJ” Maltese, Alternate Member and Acting Secretary
- ABSENT:** Sheryl Cline, Committee Member (excused)
Gary Michels, Committee Member (excused)
Shannon Solomon, Committee Member (excused)
- GUESTS:** Becky Elder, City Council Liaison
Timothy Bresnahan, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Candice Hall, Palmer Land Trust
Cory Sutela, Medicine Wheel
Andrea Sutela, Potential Alternate Member

1. Three Alternates Needed

Chairman Maio announced there were three Alternate Member openings and Andrea Sutela, 216 Pilot Knob Avenue, stated she was interested in filling one of the alternate positions. Chairman Maio asked Ms. Sutela to discuss the matter with him following the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 25, 2019

MOTION:

Committee Member Graham moved to approve the March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Open Space Advisory Committee with the following amendment(s):

1. Page 2, Section V, Number 1a: Omit from Minutes in entirety. Committee Member Solomon reported through Chairman Maio he did not assist in the GPS route completion.

SECOND:

Alternate Committee Member Maltese seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION:

There was no discussion regarding the motion.

VOTE:

Motion passed, 4-0.

III. AGENDA REVIEW and PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

IV. PARKS & REC ADVISORY BOARD (PARAB) UPDATE – Chris Grow and Tim Bresnahan (5-10 mins.)

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison, Tim Bresnahan, stated the City arborist had submitted a waiver application for use of non-organic pesticides to be used in specific areas around the City. Mr. Besnahan stated the City Arborist was applying for this waiver because she felt, in certain areas of town, it was the only way to effectively control some growth which may impact the safety and longevity of the City's infrastructure.

V. MANITOU CATS- Report on Intemann trail rebuild, steps removal and trail closure with spur access from neighborhood north of project area-May 20, 2019

Shanti Toll was not present at the meeting to report out on the current status of the project.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers-Secretary (5 mins.)

Chairman Maio announced Committee Member Cline would no longer be the Secretary for the Open Space Advisory Committee and stated the Committee was grateful for her work during her tenure as the Secretary of the Committee. Chairman Maio inquired if any Committee Members present were willing to volunteer for the position. There were none. Chairman Maio stated he felt it was potentially a beneficial idea to implement a rotating Secretary role between the members, as this was the practice in place in several of the City's other boards, commissions, and committees. Vice Chair Wilson stated the Open Space Advisory Committee had done this in the past and was in support of the idea so long as there was a set schedule so members would know what meeting it was their duty to do so.

2. May meeting scheduled for May 20, 2019

Chairman Maio stated the Regular May Meeting was scheduled for May 27, 2019 which was Memorial Day. Chairman Maio stated, as City Hall was to be closed for the holiday, it was necessary to reschedule the meeting to the week prior on May 20, 2019.

MOTION:

Committee Member Graham moved to reschedule the May 27, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee to May 20, 2019 at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers.

SECOND:

Vice Chair Wilson seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION:

There was no discussion regarding the motion.

VOTE:

Motion passed, 4-0.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report Signage-S. Graham, N. Wilson; M. Maio and D. Becker (20 mins.)-Next subcommittee meeting scheduled April 25, 2019 2-4pm City Hall

A. Subcommittee Preliminary Recommendations-Project of Work relating to Maps to be drafted by Planning Department

Chairman Maio stated Staff had drafted a Scope of Work for the trail maps to be produced and further signage discussion would occur at the next sub-committee meeting on April 25, 2019.

B. Rules and Regulations

The Committee went through the list of rules and regulations obtained from Boulder, Colorado and determined which regulations were amenable and suitable for the City of Manitou Springs. Staff Liaison, Dylan Becker, stated he would rewrite the regulations and reference Code sections for those regulations.

C. Design, Materials and Construction

Vice Chair Wilson stated she had been approached by the Mayor and members of City Council to determine how the Open Space Advisory Committee's signage would integrate and be compatible with the City's larger signage project. Vice Chair Wilson stated she felt it was a good idea to coordinate things like fonts, colors, and other design elements to be consistent with the City's overall signage project.

2. Report-Land Acquisitions and Donations-G. Michels, S. Solomon and M. Maio (10-15mins.)

A. Waldo Canyon Report-Concepts A, B and C- S. Solomon and M. Maio (15 mins.)

The committee and members of the public present engaged in a rigorous discussion regarding the three proposals. Discussion centered on the balance between recreation and conservation. The Open Space Advisory Committee members supported a balance between the two, but also realized, as this project is entirely outside the jurisdiction of the City, it was not their decision to make. The Commission stated it was supportive of a potential connection from the Black Canyon Open Space at some time in the future.

B. Acquisition/Donation Properties-S. Solomon and M. Maio

Chairman Maio reported the Land Acquisitions and Donations Sub-Committee activity and presented a series of connected parcels located adjacent to the Black Canyon Open Space in which the Committee was interested in soliciting for donation or purchase.

3. Trail/Open Spaces Maintenance-T.J. Maltese, S. Solomon, N. Wilson, G. Michels and M. Maio

A. Noxious and Invasive Weed Removal-Mile High Youth Corps- N. Wilson (5 mins.)

Vice Chair Wilson reported the Mile High Youth Corps had completed the noxious and invasive weed removal per the contract with the City. Vice Chair Wilson also reported the crew was great, worked well, and had training.

B. Follow up weed removal project-T.J. Maltese and S. Solomon (5 mins.)

Alternate Member Maltese stated he and Shannon were working with the local Boy Scouts for follow up removal and he would also consult with El Paso County regarding noxious weed removal and legalities of doing so. Discussion ensued regarding mullein removal and the benefits of some of the "weeds" the Committee was intent on removing.

4. Update-Management Plans for Iron Mountain and Black Canyon Cultural Assets-S. Solomon and M. Maio (10-15 mins.)-Black Canyon Archeological Assessment scheduled for April 20, 2019 9am. Meet at MS Swimming Pool

Committee Member Solomon was not present to report on the progress of the Iron Mountain Land Management Plan update, but had informed Chairman Maio that due to his current familial duties, he had not made much progress thus far.

Chairman Maio and Staff Liaison Becker reported the progress regarding the Black Canyon Open Space Archaeological Assessement and stated the group had made a site visit to the property over the weekend to GPS the locations of the survey pins as this information would be used to determine the boundaries of the assessment to occur in the coming weeks.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business before the Committee, Chairman Maio adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.