



**CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS OPEN
SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUMMARY AGENDA**
Council Chambers – 606 Manitou Avenue
Monday, September 23, 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 6:00 pm and declared a quorum present. The following Committee members attended:

PRESENT: Michael Maio, Chair
Nancy Wilson, Vice Chair
Shannon Solomon, Committee Member
Sue Graham, Committee Member
Andrea Sutela, Alternate Committee Member
Amanda Taylor, Alternate Committee Member

ABSENT: Sheryl Cline, Committee Member (excused)
Anthony “TJ” Maltese, Committee Member
Gary Michels, Committee Member

STAFF: Kimberly Johnson, Planning Director
Dylan Becker, City Planner
Aaron Schultz, Project Coordinator

GUESTS: Christina Grow, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Shanti Toll, Manitou Trail CATS
Candice Hall, Palmer Land Trust

1. One Alternate needed.

Chairperson Maio introduced new Alternate Committee Member Amanda Taylor to the Committee.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. August 26, 2019

MOTION:

Committee Member Solomon moved to approve the August 26, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Open Space Advisory Committee.

SECOND:

Committee Member Graham seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION:

There was no discussion regarding the motion.

VOTE:

Motion passed 3-0. Vice Chair Wilson, Committee Member Graham, and Alternate Member Taylor abstained as they were not present at the August 26, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee.

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

There was no Public Comment for the Committee to consider.

IV. PARKS & REC ADVISORY BOARD (PARAB) UPDATE – Chris Grow

Christina Grow, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, stated several projects that PARAB was working on including the Tree Planting Program on Oct. 12, 2019, the Soda Springs Park GOCO Grant, open carry in parks and open spaces, the 2019 budget, and tennis court and skate park lighting.

The Committee discussed the relationship between the groups and how best to share information and waivers as a funding source for both groups.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Municipal Ordinance No. 1219

Chair Maio reintroduced the topic to the Committee.

2. Climate Action Potluck (A. Schultz)

Aaron Schultz, Project Coordinator, presented the Oct. 12 Tree Planting Program, Hiawatha Gardens Clean-up and the Climate Action Potluck to the Committee and invited the Committee to participate.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report Signage-S. Graham, N. Wilson; M. Maio, D. Becker and Kim Johnson -

Kimberly Johnson, Planning Director, stated that several companies were invited to submit a proposal. She stated that the final design must be distributed to the three vendors that submitted bids to finalize their bids and to Public Services, which she hoped to submit shortly.

Committee member Solomon stated information about the condition of several signs on Crystal Park Road.

2. 2020 Budget-Subcommittee (N. Wilson, K. Johnson, D Becker and M Maio-30 mins)

The Committee discussed an upcoming Budget meeting with Council. The Committee noted several instances where allocated funding had not been spent, the reason, and how it could be used in the future. The Committee discussed hosting a retreat to determine other priorities for 2020 and to select a retreat date as part of the agenda for the following regular meeting.

Vice Chair Wilson stated the need to have a meeting with the Fire Department related to OSAC business.

The Committee discussed land management plans and how to allocate funding for noxious and invasive weed mitigation and management. The Committee agreed about maintaining funding in the 2020 budget. Chairperson Maio stated that he would reach out to the Palmer Land Trust to determine their position on

noxious and invasive weed mitigation.

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

A. Waldo Canyon Report- S. Solomon and M. Maio (5 mins.)

i. E-Mail Correspondence from Jennifer Peterson, dated 9-13-2019-Waldo Field Trip
Chairperson Maio invited the Committee to respond to the email from Jennifer Peterson to RSVP to participate on the field trip on Friday October 11, 2019 at 9am. Dylan Becker, City Planner, stated that a limited number of available spaces remain.

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

Committee Member Solomon reported on a parcel for sale including the sale price for the property. The Committee discussed the cost and alternatives to purchase the land or an easement on non-buildable portion of the property, as well as the particular conditions of the site and whether the parcel met the criteria for land acquisition under the POST Plan. Chairperson Maio stated that he would contact the realtor for the property.

The Committee addressed Candice Hall, Palmer Land Trust, to answer a question from a previous agenda item on the subject of noxious weed mitigation. Ms. Hall stated that her organization does not have a noxious weed policy.

C. Kangaroo Campground

The Committee discussed the 12-acre parcel, outside of the City limits. Committee Member Solomon stated that the Trails and Open Space Coalition showed interest in concerting this parcel into parking for the Intemann Trail. Alternate Committee Member Sutela stated that TOSC was interested in partnering with OSAC.

The Committee discussed the utilization of the site, including trailhead parking, a park with restrooms, a revenue-generating business, or outdoor education space. The Committee discussed the impact on and potential response from the surrounding neighborhood, as well as other potential issues of the site like clean-up, demolition, and relocation of residents from the site.

The Committee discussed referring the subject to staff and reaching out to the property owner about performing a site visit at 5 pm prior to the next OSAC regular meeting. Ms. Grow inquired about inviting PARAB to participate in the site visit and the Committee agreed.

Vice Chair Wilson inquired about conservation easements on parcels owned by Cavan Daly-McGrew and others on Peakview. Chairperson Maio stated that the Daly-McGrew parcel was under document review and Ms. Johnson stated it was a future Council agenda item. Chairperson Maio stated that the other parcels were tax-delinquent. Mr. Becker produced an image of the parcels in question and the Committee discussed their connectivity and location to existing trails and open space.

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

A. Intemann Trail Re-route

Shanti Toll, Trail CATS, reported on the re-route and stated that he intends to open the site before the end of the year with a renewed commitment to reevaluating the site after the winter weather. He also stated that some of the added costs arose from attempts to save trees along the route and that he is working with Medicine Wheel to protect the routes with multiple alignments.

Alternate Committee Member Sutela inquired about the stairs. Committee Member Solomon inquired whether the City had requested that one trail be closed and how much the work would cost. Mr. Toll stated that mountain bikers had advocated for maintaining the steps, which he was presenting to the Committee at that time and could be removed in the future. The Committee discussed the stairs and the trail alignment.

Vice Chair Wilson noted a social trail created by volunteers and stated that they should refrain from using it as soon as feasible. The Committee discussed the budget for trail building and maintenance, and whether a contract or plan existed for the Intemann Trail Reroute. Committee Member Solomon stated his desire for more formal planning on future projects.

B. Correspondence from C.J. Runge-Fundraiser

Chairperson Maio presented the emails from C.J. Runge of the Mile High Youth Corps inviting the Commission to a fundraiser to be held in Denver.

5. Open Space Report

A. Update-Management Plans for Iron Mountain and Black Canyon Cultural Assets-S. Solomon and M. Maio, D. Becker (5 mins.)

Committee Member Solomon stated that plans for Iron Mountain were ongoing.

Mr. Becker stated that problems with the GPS unit were ongoing and that Public Services would reach out to vendors to repair/find replacement parts and that additional paperwork for the Black Canyon Cultural assessment remained to be done. He stated that he would explore opportunities to borrow a GPS unit from another entity. The Commission discussed renting a unit as an alternative.

Ms. Johnson stated her preference that further work on the assessment be done during the week and the Commission discussed using funding to contribute to funding Mr. Becker 's weekend assessments.

The Committee reaffirmed their intention to conclude the assessment before the end of the year.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business before the Committee, Chairperson Maio adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.