

MANITOU SPRINGS PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
 AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING  
 June 3, 2019 6:00 P.M. at City Hall 606 Manitou Ave.

		Present:	Absent:
<b>Members:</b>	Danu Fatt, Chair	x	
	Jenna Gallas, Secretary & Treasurer		x
	Tim Bresnahan	x	
	Christina Grow		x
	Matt Cavanaugh	x	
<b>City Staff:</b>	Public Works Director- Shelley Cobau	x	
	Arborist- Alyssa McAlexander	x	
	Park Lead- Chris Hogan		x
<b>City Council Liaison:</b>	Nancy Fortuin	x	
<b>Alternate Member:</b>	Gail Cage		x
	Jan Johnson (Alternate)		x

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms Fatt call meeting to order at 6:06 pm

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Ms. Fatt adds Tennis Court lighting to Old Business, Item D.
2. Ms. Fatt moves to approve agenda as amended.
3. Mr. Bresnahan seconded.
4. All approved.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. May 6, 2019**

1. Ms. Fatt moves to approve
2. Mr. Bresnahan seconds
3. All approved.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

(Please limit comments to 3 minutes)

-Beth Chorpenning, MS Pollinator Project – the Pollinator Project was recently approved for a demonstration project/garden near Mansions Park. As part of that they'd like to gain approval for a sign that reflects their organization's name and issues surrounding their effort. Actual mock-up sign passed around. Recommendation from Mr. Bresnahan and Ms. Fortuin to reduce wordiness and enhance the imagery in order to be more eye-catching. Ms. Chorpenning's question surrounded the authority to permit planting signage into the ground there. Informal consent was given for the size as presented – which is slightly larger than a standard sheet of paper (8.5 x 11 inches).

-Mary Ellen Montgomery, the newly hired city gardener engaged in impromptu conversation with Ms. Fatt regarding issues she would need to have approved by or run through PARAB. No decision taken, just information sharing.

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V. PRESENTATIONS

Request for Waiver of Park Fees with Existing Development

MNS 1904 Minor Subdivision (Create Three Lots)

202 & 204 Roca St.

-Mr. Tim Haas – owns property on Roca just under Midland (where the Midland RR used to run). He is creating a new minor sub-division by adding a new separate lot to accommodate a new dwelling, as there are currently 2 dwellings on 2 of the existing lots. Because these 2 existing lots and residences will remain unchanged, the waiver of fees in lieu of land is requested, amounting to \$322. Parks will receive fees in lieu of land on the newly created lot, amounting to \$129, since it will be developed. Mr. Bresnahan makes the motion to waive the \$322 in fees and instead collect \$129, Ms. Fatt seconds, all in favor and support Park fee waiver 3-0.

VI. REPORTS (5 mins)

A. OSAC

1. Nothing significant to report.

B. PARAB

1. Nothing significant to report.

C. Council Liaison

1. Ms. Fortuin reported that at recent City Council Work Session work was completed on Boards and Commissions (Chapter 2.09 from Code Ordinance "Boards and Commissions") – there was minor adjustments to the language that PARAB had worked on over the past few months. Chapter 2.09's first reading is intended in the coming weeks. Also: Creekwalk grant has been rejected by GOCO.

VII. PUBLIC SERVICES

A. Monthly Report from Ms. Cobau.

-Seasonal custodian and other seasonal hires onboarded recently. Pay \$2 less per position, generally, than Colorado Springs. Very difficult to keep people when it pays less. Had to turn to a temp/hiring agency in order to get enough people to fill the vacancies.

-Water restrictions are coming – department is looking for ways to reduce stormwater runoff. We'd like to build a competition to incentivize rain barrel use, and would like help from PARAB to find out how to do this.

-Ms. McAlexander: Discussion on green turf for use under the Peeps – brought example piece costing \$3/ft. – PARAB members looked at an actual sample of green turf.

Ms. Fatt makes a motion to support up to \$500 from Art in the Parks to buy turf. Mr. Cavanaugh seconds. Vote passes 3-0.

B. Park Updates (10 mins)

1. Nothing significant to report.

C. PARAB Observations (10 mins)

1. Nothing significant to report.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Waiver update

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PARAB 2019 Reg Mtg Sched: Jan n/a; Feb 4; Mar 4; Apr 1; May 6; Jun 3; Jul n/a; Aug 5; Sept TBD; Oct 7; Nov 4; Dec 2

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-Ms. Cobau said she'd directed Ms. Alexander to trim the Siberian Elms back to mitigate problem. --  
The City gardener offered that it might be possible to use an enzyme in combination with black plastic bags covering the stump to deny the ability to achieve photosynthesis

-Mr. Bresnahan said he had found superheated steam is an alternate to killing/eradicating Siberian Elms

-Group consensus was to try alternate approaches – particularly using community labor to remove the problem manually. However, Ms. Melody Daughterty, a gardener in the audience offered that sometimes there is no alternative to herbicide if manual methods are not effective.

-Mr. Cavanaugh: That's the preferable option, but since we have photo-documented evidence of the impact on infrastructure, we can see over time the damage that these Siberian Elms are causing. One year from now, if we haven't made a dent, then we must consider the OLM waiver to mitigate this infrastructure damage. If it comes to that, in one year, either PARAB as a whole or Mr. Cavanaugh as an individual will submit the waiver under his own name – but we can't side-step serious and significant damage to our infrastructure.

B. Revisit SSP tree decision (D'Vine Wine)

-Ms. McAlexander stated the business owner had removed her request to cut the tree down as it was showing miraculous signs of life. Ms. Fatt suggested we trim and prune the dead limbs whenever Ms McAllister deem appropriate to do so.

C. GOCO grant update

- Ms. Fatt and Ms Cobau will look into the procurement process for the GOCO grant, as Ms Fatt states it would be better and probably less expensive to ask the original design architects to create construction plans that can go out for RFB's.

D. Tennis Court

- Bid for \$45,000 from Cascade Electric; Berwick \$44,220; and Swartz \$38-\$53,000. Ms. Fatt prefers Berwick because poles and lights would be more aesthetically pleasing (bronze color instead of steel) and caissons (the cement footers) would be buried in the ground. Funding is available from the URA.

-Ms. Cobau: Probably a given that URA will approve.

-Ms. Fatt: need approval from neighborhood – community engagement. Survey Monkey – is that possible?

-Mr. Cavanaugh: What's the veto threshold? How many people would have to say 'no' before we cancelled the project?

-Mr. Bresnahan: And how many people surveyed would make a valid survey?

-Ms. Cobau: We should have a monthly meeting on these two projects – tennis court lighting and GOCO.

-Action tabled to future meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mini-grant Request/Manitou Community Market

-2019 Program total is \$2000, in the past 4 years MCM has received funds for each year.

-Ms. Fatt discusses Mini Grant program. Concern that MCM has relied too much on PARAB for funding and there are limited funds in the program. The mini-grants program is not very well advertised. Ms. Fatt moves to grant \$350 for MCM, Mr. Bresnahan seconds, vote 3-0 to grant \$350 to MCM.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Ms. Cobau: Asks for letter of support for Ms. McAlexander's hiring as a permanent employee. Mr. Cavanaugh proposes writing a letter for all of PARAB. Mr. Bresnahan offers that he'd like to provide input.

XI. ADJOURN

A. Ms Fatt adjourns meeting at 8:12 pm.

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