

CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers – 606 Manitou Avenue - Monday, February 25, 2019, 6:00 pm

Members Present: Michael Maio, Chair; Nancy Wilson, Vice Chair; Sheryl Cline, Secretary; Gary Michels, Shannon Solomon, T.J. Maltese, Alternate

Members Absent: Che Freeman, Sue Graham

PARAB: Chris Grow and Tim Bresnahan, co-representatives to OSAC-Absent

Staff: Kimberly Johnson, Planning Director, Dylan Becker, Planner I

Council Liaison: Becky Elder

Others Present: Candace Hall, Palmer Land Trust; Robert Houdek, Steve Snyder

I. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBER OPENINGS

- A. The meeting was called to order by Chair M. Maio at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Two Alternates Needed: T.J. announced that two of his neighbors will attend/observe in March.

II . APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of January 28, 2019: S.Solomon moved and G. Michels seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

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

- A. Elder discussed health of hillsides, proper fire mitigation, hugelkulture: planting of tree trunks to hold water in soil; T. J. Maltese suggested having City arborist, Alison McAlexander, speak at an OSAC meeting. B. Elder suggested having herbalists speak at OSAC.

IV. PARKS & REC ADVISORY BOARD (PARAB) UPDATE – No report.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A.Three positions: S. Graham, N. Wilson, S. Cline expiring on 3-31-19 and openings for two alternates. D. Becker included an announcement and application in OSAC packet.

B. Election of Officers will be at March 25 meeting. D. Becker included a memorandum.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Report Signage- N. Wilson and M. Maio

- 1. Guest speaker, Bob Houdek-presented proposed maps for trailhead signs, with 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional versions.
- 2. Discussion relating to changes in maps, locations and content for trailhead signs:
 - a. N. Wilson suggested that a QR code was needed and flexibility for changes in rules, etc.
 - b. K. Johnson planned to follow up with Natalie Johnson, Director of Manitou Springs Creative District.

3. A signage subcommittee will be held (notice posted by M. Maio) on March 12, 2019, 1:30-3:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall. All are welcome.

B. Report-Land Acquisitions and Donations

1. Peakview properties: M. Maio sent donation letter on 2/25/19 to four property owners with option of purchase.
 - a. S. Solomon will speak with Blake Allen, buyer for some of undeveloped parcels in the area.
2. Edwards parcels: Council has authorized purchase of two properties for \$3400. Need clear title. M. Maio spoke with Nevis Edwards 10 days ago, who said she would contact her attorney. M. Maio encouraged a donation by Edwards.
3. Ferris Property Schedule No. 74053-13-009- M. Maio, G. Michels and S. Solomon Report: Ferris has offered to either donate or sell, but needs to discuss with his brother.

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

1. Noxious and Invasive Weed Removal-Mile High Youth Corp contract-M. Maio-Cost of \$3900 (savings of \$300) provides 8 crew members for 3 days by MHYC. Scheduled for April 8-10, 2019 (along Intemann Trail, or wherever assigned by OSAC. G. Michels had not seen spurge on Intemann Trail). N. Wilson said that MHYC needs specific instructions for weed mitigation. N. Wilson will call El Paso County Extension.
2. Follow up weed removal-T.J. Maltese regarding Friends of the Peak. Maltese was to speak with Carol Beckman, the weed specialist with Friends of the Peak.
3. Intemann Trail Rebuild, Steps Removal and Trail closure with spur access from neighborhood north of project area-M. Maio and S. Solomon met with Shanti Toll, who reported he will have costs by July. M. Maio will encourage S. Toll to move up his schedule.
4. Crystal Valley/Beisel Trail Easement-S. Solomon reported that Beisel is not interested in a donation, but wants to develop/build houses. Needs easement from City. Easement could make a connection with Iron Mt. and Manitou Springs Middle School access.
5. Boy Scout Projects-S. Solomon-will present OSAC projects (barbed wire, stair rehab, noxious weeds) to Scout Troop 18, Jonathan Dooley, Scoutmaster, on 3/5/19. Prospective Eagle Scouts are considered the project managers, who must initiate the projects, with guidance from OSAC or RMFI. N. Wilson suggested 1 week with MHYC for heavy lifting with Scout projects.

D. Update-Management Plans for Iron Mountain and Black Canyon Cultural Assets-D. Becker and M. Maio.

1. Candace Hall, Palmer Land Trust, advised to review previous reports and make a five year plan. D. Becker will send an editable format to S. Solomon, who will redline it by hand. Timeline: 2-3 months (by summer).
2. Bernard Schriever, Steve Snyder, and M. Maio will meet on 3/9/19 to discuss components of Scope of Work (incorporate State's Historical Preservation guidelines to develop own Scope of Work with recommendations of staff). Steve Snyder will do nesting bird and cultural resources for Iron Mt.

E. 107 Pinion Lane-Request for Waiver of Open Space Fees-D. Becker presented a memorandum with details of Richard Marvin's requested replat of his property to remove a garage and build a new garage. There was concern that this is one way OSAC obtains money for acquisition of land vs. tradition of waiving fees when properties are already developed and are replatting to obtain a conforming legal description, but not creating any greater demand than the existing conditions. After discussion, S. Solomon moved, G. Michels seconded, to waive the Open Space Fees. The motion carried 3:1, with one abstention.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by Chair M. Maio.