

**CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Council Chambers – 606 Manitou Avenue Monday, March 25, 2019, 6:00 pm

Members Present: Michael Maio, Chair; Sheryl Cline, Secretary; Gary Michels, Sue Graham (6:30 pm), Shannon Solomon, T.J. Maltese, Alternate

Members Absent: Nancy Wilson, Vice Chair; Che Freemon

PARAB: Chris Grow, co-representative to OSAC

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

Council Liaison: Becky Elder, Absent

Others Present: Bernard Schriever; Candace Hall, Palmer Land Trust

I. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBER OPENINGS

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair M. Maio at 6:00 p.m.
2. Two Alternates Needed

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of February 25, 2019 -S. Solomon moved, G. Michels seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

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

1. Digital options for agendas, documents, etc. for /meetings-signup with email addresses.
2. S. Solomon reported the posting of event flags by Xterra Adventure Race Co. of a race event on 3/23/19. When asked who authorized the event on Iron Mt. Trail, Peter (representative from Xterra) told Solomon that it was Meghan from City. Kimberly Johnson will discuss with Meghan Weiss, event coordinator for City. May be need for a cease and desist letter to Xterra, per M. Maio.

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

1. After PARAB's approval of the fee waiver requested by Richard Marvin for 107 Pinion Ln. to remove and add a garage, N. Fortuin, Council, recommended to PARAB not to do so in the future, as these type fees are important revenue source for PARAB & OSAC.
2. Tree study completed by state forester: types/trees and recommendations for handling. Will share tree report with D. Becker. City Arborist was involved in the study.
3. New bike rack at the library.
4. Grant of \$!50,000 with match from City (of 25%) for improvements in Soda Springs Park within next 2 years: Toward Phase I-west end of park; new playground equipment for older children.

V. MANITOU CATS- Shanti Toll

1. Report on Intemann trail rebuild, steps removal and trail closure with spur access from neighborhood north of project area.
 - a. Toll will have full proposal to OSAC by May Meeting.
 - b. Start late August & complete the work in September
 - c. Need 8% grade
 - d. Coordinate with Public Works for Boy Scouts to do some work with stair project
 - e. Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates (MWTA) support: would need budgeted in next 3 months (per K. Johnson)
2. Report on Sheep Mountain Project- Toll would like support for this project in 2020
 - a. ½ volunteer, ½ funded
 - b.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Two positions expiring on 3/31/19 and current opening for two alternates.
2. Election of Officers: S. Cline nominated and S. Solomon seconded the nomination of Michael Maio for Chair, who was elected. M. Maio nominated and S. Cline seconded nomination of Nancy Wilson for Vice Chair, who was elected; Secretary: open.
3. Open Space Advisory Committee Financials
 - a. Noxious weeds: \$ 3900 to Mile High Youth Corps-provides 8 crew members for 4/8-4/10/19, along Intemann Trail.
 - b. K. Johnson included a report in packet with ending cash balance as of 3/20/19 of \$120,190.
 - c. K. Johnson will provide info to boards for 2020 budget development.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report Signage-S. Graham, G. Michels, M. Maio, K. Johnson, S. Cline
 - A. Subcommittee Preliminary Recommendations
 - a. K. Johnson met with Natalie Johnson, M.S. Creative District Director, who reported that an OSAC representative communicated that OSAC will move on without the Creative District's collaboration, whose work is still in process, but on hold.
 - b. S. Solomon will consult with Dave Chadwell & Steve Wood for cost of welding & manufacture of sign base.
 - c. S. Graham moved and S. Solomon seconded a motion that OSAC adopt recommendations of the signage subcommittee as it relates to maps and approve sole sourcing the project to R. Houdek and D. Wolverton, subject to approval of any cost estimates and final contract by OSAC. Motion carried.
 - d. The Planning Department will draft a Scope of Work for map project.
 - e. S. Cline reported that potential designer/s with whom she consulted will want payment.
 - f. K. Johnson reported that OSAC may consult for design assistance from N. Johnson and M.S. Creative District.
 - g. Another subcommittee meeting will be scheduled.

2. Report-Land Acquisitions and Donations-G. Michels, S. Solomon and M. Maio
 - A. Peakview properties-S.Solomon discussed with Blake Allen, who reportedly paid taxes on part of the Peakview property and now owns it. B. Allen has a piece of property (Black Canyon segment) he wants the city to buy. Refer the matter to sub-committee on land acquisition. S.Solomon recommends being more aggressive on land acquisitions/donations.
 - B. Edwards parcels-Family is still interested in selling two small parcels to City for \$3400, but denying that there are any title issues. OSAC and City require a clear title.
 - C. Acquisition/Donation Properties-Report prepared by D. Becker regarding properties with: offer letters sent, acquired by third party, acquired by donation or purchase, or offers to be sent. See report for more information.

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 Corp contract
 - a. T. J. Maltese spoke with El Paso Co. Reconnaissance and inventory of weed types needed before MHYC: to see where time could be better spent. Recommends using Boy Scouts for B List (like toad flax).
- B. Boy Scout Community Service and Eagle Projects-S. Solomon reported that he met with John Dooley regarding these projects for Scout involvement:
 - a. Invasive weeds
 - b. Re-route/stair removal
 - c. Sheep Mt.-pull fence

4. Update-Management Plans -S. Solomon, D. Becker, M. Maio

Black Canyon Cultural Assets:

- A. Bernard Schriever- archeologist, who volunteered to save OSAC money
- B. See report provided by D. Becker in OSAC packet.
- C. Site visit on 4/13/19 to relocate survey markers by B. Schriever, D. Becker, and S. Solomon.

Iron Mountain:

- D. S. Solomon is reviewing the management plan and will complete by summer.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT-

1. The meeting was adjourned by Chair M. Maio at 8:33 pm.