

CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Michael Maio, Nancy Wilson, Sue Graham, Anthony Maltese (alternate)

Members Absent: Sheryl Cline, Shannon Solomon, and Gary Michels

PARAB liaison: Tim Bresnahan

Staff: Dylan Becker

Council liaison: Becky Elder

Others Present: See city staff sign in sheet

I. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBER OPENINGS

1. MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Chair Michael at 6:02. Alternate T.J. elevated to voting member for meeting to meet quorum.
2. Three alternates needed

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of March 25, 2019 – Sue G. moves, T.J. M. seconds that minutes be approved.
Motion carries

III. AGENDA REVIEW & PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment on agenda

IV. PARKS AND REC ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Tim B.: PARAB interested in waiver to organic management plan. Waiver request submitted by city arborist. Scope is spot treatment of pesticide on elm.

V. Manitou Cats – not addressed

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Need for secretary position. No volunteers. Idea proposed that members could rotate in that role.
2. May meeting date changed to May 20, 2019. Sue G. Made the motion, Nancy W. seconds. Motion carried.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Signage subcommittee

-Discussion on rules: Pets – get closer to COS/El Paso County
Special use/filming – no comment
Camping – enforce city ordinance
Damaging property – no comment
Wildlife protection – keep for now
Fires – total prohibition (3x3 Icon)
Fireworks – no comment

Litter – 3x3 Icon
Vehicles – combine with “Other prohibited Conduct”
Climbing – strike
Glass prohibition – strike
Fishing – strike
Activity in designated areas – strike
Alcohol and marijuana – combine
Smoking – 3x3 Icon
Drones – keep but refer to “unmanned motorized vehicle or drone” – no City regulations
Other prohibited conduct – waterways, disturbing peace, and motorized vehicles

Mayor Jaray has asked us to coordinate with downtown sign project for color, font, logos, etc.

Next subcommittee meeting April 25 2019, 2-4pm at City Hall

3. Report – Land acquisition and donations. Discussion of acquisition of properties near Black Canyon, possibly as a buffer to or for increasing right of way to OS properties. Discussed increasing contacts to owners of high priority acquisitions like Peakview including letters, phone calls, etc.
- A. Waldo Canyon Report: Becky Elder advocated for minimal trails. OSAC advocating for lower impact with a Manitou connector as well as taking a stance only on direct Manitou access. No motion on any of this until Shannon S. reports to OSAC on the Waldo Canyon Meeting.
4. Trails and open space maintenance:
 - A. Noxious weed removal/mitigation – remove signs for toadflax on trailheads
 - B. Follow-up on weed removal. Vivid public commentary from, Melody Doherty (herbalist) and Becky Elder
5. Black Canyon and Iron Mountain plans – perimeter of Black Canyon project being defined by locating property boundaries. No update on Iron Mountain (Shannon S. working on Master Plan revision). New date for field trip TBD. There was a push to keep conservation easement in mind.

VIII. Adjournment by chair @7:48