

**Manitou Springs
Open Space Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 24, 2011**

Members Present: Jim Yount (Chair), Gary Michels, Marc Straub, Tom Fears, Ben Kinsley, Keith Schoepflin; Michelle Anthony (Planning staff), Matt Carpenter (CC liaison).

I. Call to Order, Announcement of Member Openings and Election of Officers

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM. Openings remain for 2 alternate members.

II. Approval of Minutes

2. The Minutes for the November 22, 2010 Regular Meeting were approved by consensus.

III. Agenda Review and Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

3. City Councilman Matt Carpenter has been reappointed OSAC liaison for 2011.

IV. New Business

4. *Discuss Implementation of Adopted Red Mountain Open Space Land Stewardship Plan* The city will soon be required to begin implementing a weed eradication plan for the Red Mountain Open Space as outlined in the adopted Land Stewardship Plan. Michelle explained that El Paso County does not have any funds available, but the state does have grant funds that the city plans to apply for. Jim will talk to Dan Folke about how we should proceed.

V. Old Business

5. *Manitou Incline Management Plan Update.* The Incline Task Force held an open house public forum at City Hall on January 20, 2011, attended by about 75 people. The final draft of the plan will be updated and posted online soon. It should be available for OSAC review at the February 28th meeting, and presented to City Council in March.

6. *Rainbow Falls Master Plan Update.* A draft of this plan should also be available for OSAC review at the February 28th meeting.

7. Review of OSAC Initiatives:

b) *Area 1:* A Ute Pass Trail meeting is coming up. Jim will find out more and try to attend.

c) *Area 2:* Iron Mountain purchase update: The city has closed on the purchase of Parcel 2, and staff will meet this week to outline a strategy for obtaining grants to fund purchase of the remaining parcel.

d) *Area 3:* Bestview update: Michelle reported that two realtors are trying to persuade the owner that developing these parcels is unrealistic and recommending that he donate them.

No other updates.

VI. Other Business

8. *Financial Statement.* The December 31, 2010 OSAC financial statement was presented. The ending cash balance was \$49,282.43.

9. *Answer General OSAC Questions.* No questions.

VII. Adjournment

Adjourned meeting at 7:55 PM.