

**Manitou Springs
Open Space Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 28, 2011**

Members Present: Jim Yount (Chair), Gary Michels, Marc Straub, Tom Fears, Randy Hodges, Keith Schoepflin; Dan Folke (Planning staff), Matt Carpenter (CC liason).

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

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM. Openings remain for 2 alternate members. Sarah Withee is not planning to reapply, so there will soon be a regular member opening as well.

II. Approval of Minutes

2. The Minutes for the January 24, 2011 Regular Meeting were approved by consensus with no changes.

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

3. No public comment. No changes to the agenda.

IV. New Business

4. *Presentation and recommendation of Manitou Incline Site Development and Management Plan.* Priscilla Marbaker, Susan Watkins and Sarah Bryarly presented the final plan for opening the Manitou Incline, which was approved by the Colorado Springs City Council last week. OSAC recommended [Kieth motion, Gary second] unanimously that City Council adopt the plan as presented. The plan will next be presented to the Planning Commission next week.

5. *Review of Iron Mountain Great Outdoors Colorado Grant Request.* Dan reported that the city submitted a grant to GOCO last week for \$397,500 for purchase of the final Iron Mountain parcel (which includes the house). A decision is expected by June. Closing on the final parcel is set for July 2012.

7. *Request Approval of "About Open Space in Manitou Springs" Fact Sheet.* City staff prepared a one-page fact sheet highlighting open space accomplishments in and around the city. A possible error was spotted in the total acreage mentioned, but

otherwise OSAC approved of the fact sheet and recommended that it be published on the city's new website.

V. Old Business

8. *Rainbow Falls Master Plan Update.* The master plan prepared by Thomas & Thomas Associates will be presented to City Council in March, followed by the County Board of Commissioners.

9. Review of OSAC Initiatives:

b) *Area 1:* Jim and Kieth attended the recent Ute Indian Trail Task Force meeting and reported that there was general discontent with several of the recommendations. CS Utilities is reconsidering the issues raised, and another public meeting is scheduled for March 10 at El Paso County Parks headquarters.

David Walton is considering a conditional use application for a proposed recreational zip-line course on his property (possible mid or long term use). This is the same property that he presented plans for possible replat and residential development last year. Dan is currently studying whether this would require amending that previous master plan.

c) *Area 2:* As part of the Red Mountain Land Stewardship Plan, the city is required to eradicate several noxious weeds species. Annie Evankow, a Colorado College biology major attended the meeting and expressed interest in possibly aiding in this effort. Dan will keep her informed of any plans.

No other updates.

VI. Other Business

10. Matt announced that the city's new website will be unveiled later this week.

10. *Financial Statement.* The January 31, 2011 financial statement was presented, and showed a cash balance of \$45,669.72.

13 *Answer General OSAC Questions.* No questions.

VII. Adjournment

Adjourned meeting at 9:40 PM.