

**Manitou Springs
Open Space Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 25, 2011**

Members Present: Jim Yount, Tom Fears, Keith Schoepflin, Randy Hodges, Dan Folke (Planning Staff), Matt Carpenter (CC liaison). Public: Natalie Johnson observed the proceedings. The meeting convened in the City Council chambers.

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

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM. Openings for 3 alternate members were announced.

V. Approval of Minutes

2. The Minutes for the March 30, 2011 Regular Meeting were amended, and as amended, were approved by consensus.

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

3. No public comment. No revisions to agenda.

IV. New Business

4. *Updated Rainbow Vision Plan.* Natalie Johnson, representing Manitou Springs Forward, made a brief presentation to introduce plans to update the city's Rainbow Vision Plan. Manitou Springs Forward has commenced efforts to generate interest and public participation in updating the Rainbow Vision Plan, and will approach other groups in the community, including City boards and commissions, to provide input into the project. On June 26, 2011, the group will host a community gathering and pot luck meal at City Hall, similar in format to its event held in November 2010, to generate greater interest and community participation. Dan Folke noted that he is drafting twelve key vision areas, in an effort to help focus discussion by key stakeholders.

V. Old Business

5. *Rainbow Falls Master Plan.* The County has adopted the Rainbow Falls Master Plan, and is moving forward on making capital and other improvements, with significant assistance from a GOCO grant. Work days are scheduled, the County is considering re-design of the parking lot, and placement of a covert observation camera, streamed to the law enforcement community, in order to aid law enforcement efforts. Graffiti is still a problem.

6. *Walton* property. PARAB accepted Mr. Walton's proposal to make improvements (benches, trails, signs, gateway arch, warranties, etc.) in lieu of fees, essentially agreeing with OSAC's recommendation and action taken on March 30. The matter now proceeds to the Planning Commission and City Council for final approval in May. Dan noted that Mr. Walton filed his revised plat earlier in the day.
7. *Site Visits*. Discussion arose concerning the scheduling of site visits, for both the Walton and Iron Mountain properties. Dates in early May and June were explored for separate site visits; Dan will coordinate and set the dates, and invite relevant stakeholders, including Intemann Trail, Medicine Wheel, TOSC representatives.
8. *OSAC Initiative, Area 4*. GOCO made a site visit pursuant to the City's application for GOCO funding to promote the purchase of the remaining McGee parcel. While the site visit went well, and the application appears strongly competitive, one criterion, 'urgency,' may prevent this application from progressing, and the City may have to renew the application in subsequent funding cycles.
9. *OSAC Initiative, Area 2*. Red Mountain Plan. Discussion arose concerning means of commencing and progressing a noxious weed management plan. Dan indicated he would solicit a volunteer internship in order to help progress this matter.
10. *OSAC Initiative, Area 1*. Discussion arose concerning the Barr Trail parking lot. The City is experiencing difficulty in identifying a vendor to provide card swipe in / out metering for the parking lot, and may have to revert to a fixed fee, pay and display, parking program.

VI. Other Business

11. *Financial Statement*. The March 31, 2011 financial statement was presented. Ending cash balance is \$64,150.44
12. *Answer General OSAC Questions*. No questions.

VII. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for May 23. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.