

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

Members Present: Gary Michels, Randy Hodges, Marc Straub, Tom Fears, Ben Kinsley, Keith Schoepflin; Dan Folke (Planning staff), Matt Carpenter (CC liason), Coreen Toll (City Council).

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

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM. Openings remain for 3 Alternate members.

II. Approval of Minutes

2. The Minutes for the June 27, 2011 Regular Meeting were approved by consensus.

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

3. No changes to the agenda. Matt reported that he gave Jack Benson (City Administrator) and Eric Billmeyer (Rocky Mountain Field Institute) a tour of the Incline and Barr Trailhead area.

IV. New Business

4. *MNS 1104 - Minor Subdivision (Replat into 1 lot) - 0 Spring Street - Patty Strauch, Applicant.* This is a replat of the property which lies along the old Midland Railroad right of way to allow for building a house and driveway. The extreme west end would be dedicated for open space and to extend the right of way to the road used to access the Intemann Trail. Owner plans to build a house at the east end, with a long driveway passing through one of the old railroad tunnels. Motion to approve the open space dedication of the westernmost portion of Lot#1 as proposed to satisfy the 3,083 sq. ft. open space dedication or so much therefore as required to fully satisfy the open space land dedication with no fees payable [Tom moves, Randy seconds]. Approved unanimously.

V. Old Business

5. *Red Mountain Noxious Weed Mitigation Plan Update.* Dan met with Kathy Andrew (El Paso County Community Services, Environmental Division Manager) for a site visit this month. There are lots of weeds, and this will be a big job. She recommends

spraying followed by some hand pulling, next spring. She suggested that the city contract with Colorado Vegetative Management, based in Pueblo. Dan will contact them.

6. *Iron Mountain GOCO Grant Update.* Dan presented a little more data from the City's recent failed proposal. He still plans to resubmit the proposal for the next grant cycle, beefing up the weaker areas discussed in last month's meeting (August 19 deadline). Dan also submitted an TOPS application for \$60K. Even in the best case, the City will still need to raise an additional ~\$48K to complete the purchase. One option being considered is to approach the El Pomar Foundation.

7. *Misc. News.* Coreen reported that Colorado Springs is preparing a master plan for the Red Rocks / White Acres Open Space. There will be a public meeting September 7th, and they would like participation from OSAC.

8. Review of OSAC Initiatives:

a) PARAB has produced a new local trails map which is now available at the Chamber of Commerce.

b) *Area 1:* No movement on the Incline Management IGA. They are still trying to resolve the railroad abandonment issue. The parking kiosk is set to go in at the Barr Trailhead parking lot. The city is also striping a pedestrian lane along Ruxton from Springs Street to the Cog parking lot.

g) *Area 6:* Colorado Springs plans to finish their work on the Midland Trail by October. There will still be unconnected sections from Ridge Road to the campground, and from 21st Street to 25th Street, and there are currently no plans to finish these portions.

No other updates.

VI. Other Business

9. *Financial Statement.* The June 30, 2011 OSAC financial statement was presented. The ending cash balance was \$88,994.09 .

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

VII. Adjournment

Adjourned meeting at 8:30 PM.