



**CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY
Council Chambers – 606 Manitou Avenue
Monday, February 25, 2019, 6:00 to 8:15 pm**



I. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBER OPENINGS

Attended By:	Michael Maio	OSAC Chair
	Nancy Wilson	OSAC Vice Chair
	Sheryl Cline	OSAC Secretary
	Gary Michels	OSAC Member
	Shannon Solomon	OSAC Member
	Anthony “TJ” Maltese	OSAC Alternate
	Becky Elder	City Council Liaison
	Kimberly Johnson	Planning Director
	Dylan Becker	Planner I, Staff Liaison
Absent:	Sue Graham	OSAC Member
	Che Freeman	OSAC Member
Guests:	Candice Hall	Palmer Land Trust
	Robert Houdek	Cartographer
	Steve Snyder	Archaeologist

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 28, 2019

MOTION:

Committee Member Solomon moved to approve the January 28, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Open Space Advisory Committee, as presented.

SECOND:

Committee Member Michels seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION:

There was no discussion regarding the motion.

VOTE:

Motion passed, 5-0.

III. AGENDA REVIEW and PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment regarding non-agenda items.

IV. PARKS & REC ADVISORY BOARD (PARAB) UPDATE – Chris Grow and Tim Bresnahan (5-10 mins.)

Chris Grow and Tim Bresnahan were not present for the meeting and no update regarding the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was provided for the meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Three positions expiring on 3-31 and openings for alternates (1-2 mins.)
2. Election of Officers on March 25

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report Signage-S. Graham, N. Wilson and M. Maio
 - A. Guest speaker, Bob Houdek-presentation concerning proposed maps for trailhead signs.
 - B. Discussion relating to changes in maps, locations and content for trailhead signs. (15-20 minutes)

Dr. Houdek presented a mock up sign design for trailhead signage for the Red Mountain Summit Trail. The Committee was informed it would cost \$10,000.00 for the sign design, not including the materials and installation/placement.

The Committee decided the sign sub-committee needed to reconvene to determine and define what they were looking for in terms of design and to establish a scope of work to be used in an RFP.

2. Report-Land Acquisitions and Donations (10-15mins.)
 - A. Peakview properties
 - B. Edwards parcels
 - C. Ferris Property Schedule No. 74053-13-009- M. Maio, G. Michels and S. Solomon Report

Chairman Maio stated he had contacted Nevis Edwards, owner of the Edwards Parcels, and informed her the City would purchase her properties for the amount of \$3,400.00 if she was able to provide a free and clear title. The Committee is awaiting her response.

Chairman Maio also stated he had sent out donation/purchase letters to several property owners in the Peakview neighborhood. The Committee is seeking to obtain some of these properties for strategic reasons, mainly the protection of the City's open spaces from development.

Chairman Maio stated he had also reached out to the Ferris' regarding the potential sale or donation of a piece of property under their ownership, as Staff had received an email regarding the potential interest of the owners in ridding themselves of the property. Currently, the Ferris' are determining their best course of action.

3. Trail/Open Spaces Maintenance-T.J. Maltese, S. Solomon, N. Wilson, G. Michels and M. Maio (45-50 mins.)
 - A. Noxious and Invasive Weed Removal-Mile High Youth Corp contract-M. Maio
 - B. Follow up weed removal-T.J. Maltese regarding Friends of the Peak
 - C. Intemann Trail Rebuild, Steps Removal and Trail closure with spur access from neighborhood north of project area-M. Maio and S. Solomon
 - D. Crystal Valley/Beisel Trail Easement-S. Solomon
 - E. Boy Scout Projects-S. Solomon

Chairman Maio stated he had negotiated the contract with the Mile High Youth Corps for Noxious Weed Removal to a cost of \$3,900.00. Alternate Committee Member Maltese stated he was in the process of discussing follow-up mitigation with members of Friends of the Peak and also suggested the Committee reach out to the county regarding noxious weed removal.

Chairman Maio and Committee Member Solomon met with Shanti Toll regarding the Intemann Trail reroute on Red Mountain, who informed them he could complete the project on his own over two (2) seasons. The Committee determined they would like the project to be completed in a quicker timeframe and would discuss the best course of action to accomplish this with Mr. Toll.

Committee Member Solomon had heard from a local resident in contact with Mr. Beisel there was no chance of an access easement in the Crystal Valley area as long as Mr. Beisel was still alive due to past history involving the City.

Committee Member Solomon stated he had contacted the local Boy Scout Troop regarding potential volunteer work regarding the City's trails and open spaces and there was a lot of interest from the troop, as these types of projects were needed for Eagle Scouts. Further collaboration will be forthcoming.

4. Update-Management Plans for Iron Mountain and Black Canyon Cultural Assets-D. Becker and M. Maio (15-20 mins.)

Chairman Maio informed the Committee that he, Steve Snyder, and Bernard Schriever had met with Staff regarding the Cultural and Archaeological Assessment of the Black Canyon Open Space. It was determined the group would reconvene on March 9, 2019 to determine the necessary Scope of Work for the contract.

Committee Member Solomon was tasked with reviewing the conservation easement monitoring reports and reviewing the Land Management Plan for the Iron Mountain Open Space to draft an updated version of the Plan for the upcoming five (5) year period.

5. 107 Pinion Lane-Request for Waiver of Open Space Fees-D. Becker (5-10 minutes)

MOTION:

Committee Member Solomon moved to approve the waiver of Open Space Fees in the amount of \$349.64 for the Minor Subdivision of 107 Pinon Lane.

SECOND:

Committee Member Michels seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION:

There was no discussion regarding the motion.

VOTE:

Motion passed, 3-1. Committee Member Wilson voted in opposition to the motion as she was opposed to waiving the fees due to the fact she felt it set an unfavorable precedent. Committee Member Cline abstained.