



**CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY**



**Council Chambers – 606 Manitou Avenue  
Monday, March 25, 2019, 6:00 pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBER OPENINGS**

A Regular Meeting of the Manitou Springs Open Space Advisory Committee was held in Council Chambers @ 606 Manitou Avenue. Chairman Maio called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and declared a quorum present. The following Committee members attended:

**PRESENT:** Michael Maio, Chair  
Sheryl Cline, Secretary  
Gary Michels, Committee Member  
Shannon Solomon, Committee Member  
Sue Graham, Committee Member (6:30 Arrival)  
Anthony “TJ” Maltese, Alternate Member

**ABSENT:** Nancy Wilson, Vice Chair (excused)  
Che Freeman, Committee Member (excused)

**GUESTS:** Christina Grow, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Shanti Toll, Manitou CATS  
Bernard Schriever, Local Archaeologist  
Candice Hall, Palmer Land Trust

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. February 25, 2019

**MOTION:** Committee Member Solomon moved to approve the February 25, 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**

Committee Member Solomon stated he found a series of flags from Crystal Park Road to Iron Mountain from an adventure race promotor known as Xterra and had contacted the company who informed him the company had hosted a foot race in the area over the previous weekend. Committee Member Solomon expressed his concern regarding authorization of this event and the fact the Committee was not informed of the event which occurred on City trails. Kimberly Johnson, Planning Director, stated she would look into the matter and would report back to the Committee at their next regular meeting.

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

Christina Grow, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB) Liaison, stated PARAB had approved the fee waiver for 107 Pinon Lane and had approved the installation of a bike rack to be located at the library. Ms. Grow also stated the City had recently completed a tree study to better manage the health of trees located on City properties. Ms. Grow stated the City had also applied for and obtained a Great Outdoors Colorado Grant to implement a phase of the Soda Springs Park Master Plan.

**V. MANITOU CATS-** Report on Intemann trail rebuild, steps removal and trail closure with spur

access from neighborhood north of project area; Report on Sheep Mountain Project-Shanti Toll (10-15 mins.)

Shanti Toll, Manitou CATS, stated he would have a full proposal to present to the Committee regarding the Intemann Trail rebuild and reroute at the May regular meeting and hoped to begin work in August. Mr. Toll stated he was also seeking the support of the Open Space Advisory Committee regarding the proposed Sheep Mountain Trail this summer and requested Manitou CATS be provided the funding to complete the trail build in a single year.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Two positions expiring on 3-31 and openings for two alternates (1-2 mins.)

Committee Member Cline stated she would not be renewing her membership on the Open Space Advisory Committee. Committee Member Graham stated she was unsure whether or not she would renew her membership upon its expiration at the end of the month. Alternate Committee Member Maltese stated he was interested in full membership.

2. Election of Officers (5 mins.)

*Chair of the Open Space Advisory Committee:*

**MOTION:** Committee Member Cline moved to elect Michael Miao to serve as Chair of the Open Space Advisory Committee.

**SECOND:** Committee Member Solomon seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion regarding the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed, 5-0. Committee Member Maio abstained from the vote.

*Vice – Chair of the Open Space Advisory Committee:*

**MOTION:** Committee Member Maio moved to elect Nancy Wilson to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Open Space Advisory Committee.

**SECOND:** Committee Member Cline seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion regarding the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed, 6-0.

*Secretary of the Open Space Advisory Committee*

The Committee decided to postpone the election of this position.

3. Open Space Advisory Committee Financials (5 mins.)

Finance Director, Rebecca Davis, provided the Committee with a print out of the current budget for Open Space.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report Signage-S. Graham, N. Wilson, G. Michels and M. Maio (15 mins.)

- A. Subcommittee Preliminary Recommendations

Chairman Maio provided a brief overview of the sub-committee's activities and recommended the following motion to the Committee.

**MOTION:** Committee Member Graham moved to approve the proposed map designs by Dave Wolverton and Robert Houdek, the “Vendors”, at the approximate size of the two-dimensional maps (8.5” x 11”) and the three-dimensional maps (11” x 17”) presented by the Vendors at the following locations:

1. Intemann Trail Trailhead located at Spring Street
2. Red Mountain Trail Trailhead
3. Intemann Trail Trailhead located at Pawnee Avenue
4. Iron Mountain Trail Trailhead located at Pawnee Avenue
5. Iron Mountain Trail Trailhead located at Crystal Park Road
6. Intemann Trail Trailhead located at Crystal Valley Cemetery (2-D Map only)

According to the Sole Source Exception regarding contract procurements, there is a justification for contracting with the Vendors based on their knowledge and experience as local cartographers and the Open Space Advisory Committee reserves the right to grant final approval over any contract with the Vendors including, but not limited to, the cost of completing the signage project.

**SECOND:** Committee Member Solomon seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion regarding the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed, 6-0.

2. Report-Land Acquisitions and Donations-G. Michels, S. Solomon and M. Maio (10-15mins.)
  - A. Peakview properties  
Chairman Maio and Committee Member Solomon provided an update regarding the recently purchased Musso properties.
  - B. Edwards parcels  
Chairman Maio provided an update on the status of the Edwards acquisition. Chairman Maio stated Ms. Edwards had hired an attorney to work out issues regarding the title.
  - C. Acquisition/Donation Properties.  
Chairman Maio provided a spreadsheet of parcels the Open Space Advisory Committee is interested in acquiring.
3. Trail/Open Spaces Maintenance-T.J. Maltese, S. Solomon, N. Wilson, G. Michels and M. Maio
  - A. Noxious and Invasive Weed Removal-Mile High Youth Corp contract-M. Maio (5 mins.)  
Chairman Maio stated the contract had been signed and executed by City Staff for the Mile High Youth Corps to remove noxious and invasive weeds.
  - B. Follow up weed removal project-T.J. Maltese and S. Solomon (5 mins.)  
Committee Member Solomon suggested using the Boy Scouts to perform some of the follow-up removal.
  - C. Boy Scout Community Service and Eagle Projects-S. Solomon (20-25 mins.)  
Committee Member Solomon informed the Committee he was continuing his coordination with the organization to provide Eagle Scouts with project ideas which would be mutually beneficial to the City and the Eagle Scouts.
4. Update-Management Plans for Iron Mountain and Black Canyon Cultural Assets-S. Solomon and M. Maio (10-15 mins.)  
Committee Member Solomon stated he was working on a draft update to the Iron Mountain Land Stewardship Plan and would give a further update at the next meeting. Chairman Maio provided a brief update regarding the Black Canyon Open Space Cultural and Archaeological Assessment to update and inform the Land Stewardship Plan.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business before the Committee, Chairman Maio adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.