



MANITOU SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

All upcoming PARAB meetings are scheduled to be remote, via Zoom. A link is provided on the City's Official Website at

<https://www.manitouspringsgov.com/544/All-Boards-and-Commission>

January 13, 2025

6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Board Members:

Danu Fatt, President
Rebecca Wood
Anthony Lane
Chris Grow
Jan Johnson
Candace Craig, Secretary
David Crawford (via Zoom)

Staff and Liaisons:

Gillian Rossi, Parks & Recreation Director
Natalie Johnson, Council Liaison
Matthew Nelson, Arborist & Horticulturist
Cassandra Hessel, Public Information Officer

Absent:

Tim Bresnahan, Vice Chair
Colin McAllister

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to Approve: Jan

Anthony seconds

All in favor

III. SPECIAL MEETING

1. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion on the Dillon Motel trees (Council would like PARAB's thoughts, as they are the Tree Advisory Board.)

Matthew: Trees will not ultimately survive any further disturbance. Need more water, less compaction, no more disturbance. Evaluation of hardscapes is needed to enhance the chances for survival. "They" have a plan to try to protect the trees (from council meeting).

PARAB votes unanimously for removal of tree 11 (octopus tree); allow other trees to remain. Continue caring for and monitoring trees 1-10. (10 is next on the chopping block, however, because of parking.)

2. Discussion on Soda Springs parking:

Matthew is leaving us—😞 for Colorado Springs.

A Consider allowing temporary limited parking behind the Pavilion in Soda Springs Park before Phase 3 begins.

1. Does PARAB approve parking behind the Pavilion?
2. Would PARAB support revisiting the Master Plan to allow more parking?

NOTE: Lots of event groups need parking, especially the summer band/orchestra with their sound equipment and instruments. It is also dangerous for people to drive across the sidewalk when there is no other place for them to park.

Rebecca is not in favor of revisiting. Danu *is* in favor because it is an event park, and we need to accommodate that.

B.

1. PARAB approves
 - a. amending plan to create up to 20 parking spaces through 2025 until Phase 3 construction begins.

IV. STRATEGIC PLANNING

1. Minutes from 2024 Strategic Meeting

Maple tree was harmed during construction work at Soda Springs Park.

2. ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2024

- A. Created a Masterplan for the Flats Overlook Park
- B. Council Approval of Masterplan
- C. Established Artwalk along Creekpath in Fields Park
- D. Began work on SSP playground phase 2
- E. Completed ADA accessibility and remodel for Pool Locker Rooms
- F. Continued OLM practices with turfcare and gardens in our parks

3. NEXT STEPS

A. SODA SPRINGS PARK (2025-26-27)

Continue work at SSP Playground and Pathways (2025)

Begin looking at cost estimates for turf and irrigation installation

Revisit Masterplan Phase 3

B. FLATS OVERLOOK PARK (2025-26-27-28)

The master plan was approved.

Revisit funding for Construction Documents in April, 2025 (City Council)

V. ORIENTATION REVIEW

1. City Ordinance protocol for PARAB (and all Boards)

2.09.110 Removal: Board members must attend three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings without a leave of absence. If they miss, it is grounds for removal.

2. Municipal Code (in packet)

Everyone, please read. If anything needs to be modified, please let Danu know.

3. PARAB SOP (in packet)

Everyone, please read. If anything needs to be modified, please let Danu know.

4. PARAB Grant Program (in packet)

Please read. If anything needs to be modified, please let Danu know.

5. PARAB Memorial Policy

Please read. If anything needs to be modified, please let Danu know.

6. PARAB's page on City Website:

https://www.manitouspringsco.gov/214/_Parks-Recreation-Advisory-Board-PARAB

Contact Cassandra Hessel if you want anything posted. She is the person who runs the website. (Be ready for a PARAB portrait for the website.)

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

1. No meeting in February (next will be March 3)

A. Term expiration in 2025 for PARAB members:

Everyone (including Colin) submitted their letters of intent to stay on PARAB. All except for Tim, who will surely submit.

B. Nomination and Election of officers:

Everyone approves renominations of the current officers.

Gillian:

1. Tree canopy assessment to be shared tomorrow. Compare 2020 to last year. Fence removed at Zero (0) Beckers Lane.
2. Rezoning on March 4.
3. Columbarium: adds 340 spaces to cemetery (ossuary)
4. No snow blowers on the courts!
5. We have at least eight beavers—hoping to relocate them to Schriver in the warmer weather. (Candace says the beavers tend to get harassed at that pond.)
6. Manitou Pool/Gym bathrooms are done—great improvements!

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Danu adjourns—7:00 PM

Board Members:

Danu Fatt, Chair (2/28/2025)
Tim Bresnahan, Vice Chair (02/28/2025)
David Crawford (02/28/2026)
Christina Grow (2/28/2028)
Anthony Lane (02/28/2027)
Colin McAllister (02/28/2025)
Rebecca Wood (2/28/2028)

Staff and Liaisons:

Natalie Johnson, Council Liaison
Gillian Rossi, Parks & Recreation Director
Matthew Nelson, Arborist and Horticulturist
Roy Chaney, Deputy City Administrator/Public Services Director

Alternates:

Candace Craig, Secretary (2/28/2027)
Jan Johnson (2/28/2025)

1 alternate position available

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