



MANITOU SPRINGS OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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February 24, 2025

6:03 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBER OPENINGS

A Regular Meeting of the Manitou Springs Open Space Advisory Committee was held via Zoom. The following Committee members attended:

Present: **Tim Beeson - Chair**
 David Conley – Vice Chair
 Judith Carnick – Committee
 Member
 Robin Kovats - Committee
Member
 Andrea Sutela – Committee
Member
 Anthony “TJ” Maltese –
 Committee Member

Absent:
 Sheryl Cline – Committee Member
 Nancy Wilson – Alternate Voting Member

Staff: **Josh Farmer – City Staff**

1. Chair preface to the February 24, 2025 Packet (Please read this prior to reading the packet.)
2. Two openings for alternates
Guest Paul Arlinghaus is auditing the meeting as a potential new member of OSAC
3. Upcoming term expiration for current members (Judy, Tim & TJ)

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Revised Draft Minutes of September 23, 2024 (5 minutes)
Motion to approve with deletion of question marks made by TJ Maltese with a second from David Conley. Motion passes with 5 in favor and 0 opposed

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

D. REPORTS

1. PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PARAB)

a. No available approved minutes at this time

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire readiness briefing from Lt. Mike Willie (20-30 minutes)
Mike Willie presented the CWPP to the board for questions. Presentation included Black Canyon, Iron Mountain and Red Mountain – Plan is for 5 years. Fire mitigation can run \$2500 - \$3500 per acre and goes up if equipment cannot reach the mitigation area. Black Canyon would be the first goal and could be used for a learning opportunity for fire mitigation. Mike will look for additional grants. They have around \$50,000 earmarked.
2. Rezoning Discussion with Planning Director, Fred Rollenhagen) (20-30 minutes)
Planning Director Fred Rollenhagen presented a map sharing the parcels that are incorrectly zoned and are being rezoned to public facilities and open space. Bout 45 parcels are being rezoned to Open Space. Tim will spend the Open Space data to Fred so they can merge data. Fred plans on sending the map to zoning commission in March for the recommendation to be sent to Council in April. The map does not show current Open Space parcels, just the parcels that are being rezoned. OSAC is going to write a letter of support to back the Planning Departments plan of rezoning.
3. Introduction of new alternate member applicant, Paul Arlinghaus (5-15 minutes)
Paul grew up and lived in Ohio and Indiana. He was part of an advocacy group for trails in Indiana. He wants to get involved in Colorado. He is excited about community engagement in Open Space. A brief discussion occurred regarding membership.
Motion to approve recommendation is made to Council to approve Paul Arlinghaus as an Alternat Committee Member for OSAC made by Andrea Sutela with a second from Judy Carnick. Motion passes with 5 in favor and 0 opposed

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Black Canyon Open Space (David, Tim, Josh Farmer)

Motion to approve the Black Canyon Master Plan following the suggestions as made by Council in the work session made by David Conley with a second from Robin Kovats. Motion passes with 7 in favor and 0 opposed

- a. BCOS MP Changes (Josh Farmer, Tim 10-20 minutes)
- b. Status and next step (David, Josh Farmer 5 minutes)

2. Bill Bauer Trail development (Andrea, Robin)

Cassandra is distributing the survey/questionnaire, but Robin is unsure how. The data will specifically include the neighbors, and needs to include other community members that can be tracked in relation to their zone or area. A graphic or map should be included in the questionnaire to show the direct parcels in question.

Motion to accent the Bill Bauer Open Space Questionnaire made by Robin Kovats with a second from Andrea Sutela. Motion passes with 5 in favor and 0 opposed

- a. Discuss and vote on survey questions (Tim, Robin, 10-15 minutes)
- b. Discuss and vote on Crystal Hills Blvd on-street trail question for the questionnaire (Tim, 5 minutes)) Discussion on whether the trail access should be a city or an OSAC issue
- c. Next step? (Josh Farmer, Robin 5 minutes 5 minutes)

3. Existing trails development (Andrea, David)

- a. Washout section at switchback above Wildcat Gulch (Andrea, 5 minute)
Pikes Peak Wildcats is going to take a look at the area to see what can be accomplished and how it can be repaired. The City will put out notice of a public meeting so that more OSAC members can attend.

- b. Signage on Creek Walk and Old Intemann Trail (David, 5 minutes)

4. Parks Supervisor's Comments (Josh Farmer 5-15 min) (Note Parks Supervisor Josh Farmer will be present in place of Parks & Recreation Director Gillian Rossi as she is out of the office)
Adopt a Park applications are open. Red Mountain is adopted, Planning on incorporating more trees. Low on park staff, so interviewing for seasonal and regular staff.

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Committee Members:

Tim Beeson, Chair (03/31/2025)
David Conley, Vice Chair (03/31/2028)
Judy Carnick, Committee Member (03/31/2029)
Sheryl Cline, Committee Member (03/31/2026)
Robin Kovats, Committee Member (3/31/2026)
Anthony "TJ" Maltese, Committee Member (03/31/2025)
Andrea Sutela, Committee Member (03/31/2028)
Nancy Wilson, Alternate Member (03/31/2026)

Staff and Liaisons:

Judith Chandler, Council Liaison
Gillian Rossi, Parks & Recreation Director
Roy Chaney, Deputy City Administrator, and Public Services Director

2 alternate positions available

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