



MANITOU SPRINGS OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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

April 28, 2025

6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBER OPENINGS AND ELECTIONS

1. There is one opening for a member and one opening for an alternate member.
2. Nomination of Paul Arlinghaus as full member, recommend approval by City Council.
3. Elect Vice Chairperson

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft minutes of OSAC 04-08-2024 Special Meeting

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

D. REPORTS

1. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB)
 - a. Approved Minutes for PARAB 03-03-2025 meeting

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Black Canyon Open Space
 - a. Next Steps on Fire Mitigation and Trail Construction (Gillian and David, 10-15 minutes)
 - b. Name confusion with Colorado Springs Quarry Site (Gillian)
2. Bill Bauer Trail Development: gauge interest in project and if appropriate, issue survey to residents (Andrea and Robin 10 minutes)
3. Trail Maintenance:
 - a. Update on Wildcat Gulch repair of April 13, 2025 (Paul, Dave and Gillian 5 minutes)
 - b. RMFI work proposal: reroute of Intemann Trail near Red Mountain intersection (Gillian 10 minutes)
 - c. Signage on Old Intemann and Creek Walk trails (Gillian, 2 minutes)

4. Re-Zoning of Open Space Parcels

- a. Update on Council approval, but rejection on 0 Beckers Lane parcel (Gillian, 5 minutes)
- b. Discussion of new responsibilities for OSAC on re-zoned parcels (10 minutes)

5. Fire Mitigation on Open Space Parcels

- a. Outline process for parcel evaluation, Request for Proposals (RFP's), and grant process (Gillian 10 minutes)
- b. Review Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and prepare comments for MSFD. (10 minutes) CWPP available online at: <https://www.manitouspringsco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6346/Manitou-Springs-CWPP-Draft-for-Public-Comment-PDF?bidId=>
- c. Discuss allocation of OSAC funds for Fire Mitigation grant matches. (10 minutes)

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Park Director's Comments on new matters (Gillian)
2. Discuss mixed meeting format: in-person and Zoom
3. Discuss rescheduling May 26 meeting, Memorial Day.

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

H. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Members:

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 (03/31/2029)
Andrea Sutela, Committee Member (03/31/2028)
Paul Arlinghaus, Alternate Member (03/31/2029)
Nancy Wilson, Alternate Member (03/31/2026)

1 regular position and 1 alternate position available

Staff and Liaisons:

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

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**CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Special Meeting Minutes
Remote Meeting via Zoom
April 8, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Chair Tim Beeson
Committee Member Judy Carnick
Committee Member Sheryl Cline
Committee Member Robin Kovats
Committee Member Andrea Sutela
Alternate Committee Member Steve Bremner

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Nancy Wilson (Excused)
Committee Member Anthony Maltese (Excused)

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Beeson called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Committee Member Carnick moved to promote Alternate Committee Member Bremner to a regular voting member for the April 8, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Sutela. The motion was carried (5-0).

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. An Executive Session to consider the purchase or sale of property for public purpose pursuant to Section 5.1 (b) of the Manitou Springs Home Rule Charter.

Chair Beeson stated the purpose of the executive session for the record.

Committee Member Kovats moved to enter executive session for the stated purpose. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Carnick. The motion was carried unanimously (6-0).

The committee returned to special session at 6:38 p.m.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Potential action concerning the purchase or sale of the property as discussed in the Executive Session

Committee Member Cline moved to recommend to the City Council a purchase price for a property discussed during the April 8, 2024, OSAC executive session. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Kovats. The motion was carried (6-0).

D. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss Chair Beeson adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.



MANITOU SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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March 3, 2025

6:00 PM

Those in attendance:

Danu Fatt, Chair (2/28/2029)
Tim Bresnahan, Vice Chair (02/28/2029)
David Crawford (02/28/2026)
Christina Grow (2/28/2028)
Anthony Lane (02/28/2027)
Colin McAllister (02/28/2029)
Rebecca Wood (2/28/2028)

Staff and Liaisons:

Natalie Johnson, Council Liaison
Gillian Rossi, Parks & Recreation Director

Alternates:

Candace Craig, Secretary (2/28/2027)
Jan Johnson (2/28/2029)

Guests:

Manuel Pulido, First Nations artist
Steve Moll, Clean Air Lawn Care

I. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve: Jan

Colin seconds the motion.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft Minutes from PARAB 10-28-2024 Special meeting
The one with Robyn & Mia (draft of master plan). PARAB gave input.
Danu moves to approve.
Dave seconds.
2. Draft Minutes from PARAB 11-18-2024 Special Meeting
3. Draft Minutes from PARAB 12-02-2024 Regular Meeting
4. Draft Minutes from PARAB 1-13-2025 Special Strategic Meeting

Jan makes a motion to approve with the amendment of her last name from Jones to Johnson.

Candace seconds. All approve.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

(Please limit your comments to 3 minutes)

NONE

V. PRESENTATION (please limit presentations to 15 minutes)

1. Grant Opportunity for Flats Overlook Park / Manuel Pulido

Would like to rename Higginbotham Flats/Overlook Park to something akin to “Bear Brothers Park/Flats,” a reference to the stone-bear brothers story (four directions) Mani and his siblings used to hear (with a ceremony). When Mani built a sculpture at the Flats, he found an ancient pipe (likely Ute). All of this led him to want to take advantage of available grants to help finish the project.

Here are examples of available grants (renaming would help get these grants):

1. Tribal Tourism offers up to 500,000 in grants.
2. Wake Up Native grant (up to \$175,000) must connect to Ute or Native people in some way. Today was the last day to apply for this grant, so it is too late this year.

These are tribal government grants. Mani says they are not related to the federal government, and the current administration will not affect the awards/distribution of these grants.

Danu: The Flats have been designated a park. Dave worries there might be community pushback on renaming the park. PARAB members do not generally share this concern.

PARAB is interested in helping Mani achieve his goal. Rebecca supports it and will help to check over the grant, develop, and polish it.

2. Discussion to expand Disc Golf / Steve Moll

Steve is part of Clean Air Lawn Care, which provides treatment for our parks in Manitou. Had a major part to play in installing the disc golf baskets in Fields Park. Would like zero Beckers Lane to become an extension of that course. He says it would be a low-cost project, and he is willing to help. Has lots of ideas for the course and how it could be used with different groups. Needs signage, tee pads, and a few more baskets.

Tim: A proven attraction. People use it.

Danu: Wants a survey of the community. But some people don't like it because it makes it hard for people with dogs to use the grass area. People don't want to get in the way of the frisbees, so it is a deterrent.

Jan: Would like a little education (e.g., what do tee boxes look like?).

We will revisit this topic in April or May. Steve can send extra information in the meantime.

VI. REPORTS (5 minutes)

1. Arborist Report

We are in between city arborists. They are interested in hiring a guy from Aurora. They are currently awaiting the background check. Aaron Reynard is the current acting arborist.

Good news: Manitou was deemed a "Tree City USA!"

2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB)

3. Council Liaison

A. Metro District proposed dissolution

Wichita Lot, Ute Pass Motel, and Smischny Lot. Natalie is not permitted to speak about it.

Tomorrow night, Council will be approving the Black Canyon Open Space plan, parking in Soda Springs Park (one spot for dropoff and parking along the park).

Fire mitigation grants will be available soon.

4. Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)

A. OSAC Approved Minutes 07-22-2024

B. OSAC Approved Minutes 08-26-2024 Meeting

C. OSAC Approved Minutes 09-23-2024 Meeting

D. OSAC Approved Minutes 10-28-2024 Meeting

E. OSAC Approved Minutes 11-25-2024 Meeting

VII. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. Director's Report

Adopt a Park program is up and running. Parks left to be adopted are Fields Park, Soda Springs, Iron Springs, Creekwalk Trail, garden beds, etc.

Dog waste is a problem, especially in Fields Park.

Steve is our turf manager.

Soda Springs Park concrete was poured for the ADA ramp and smaller sections. Crusher fines will be finished this week. Danu says the crusher fines should've been

red, according to the ordinance, not gray. Gillian says otherwise, as she consulted the emails.

Project should finish before summer begins.

Parking update for Soda Springs Park.

Manizoo is being fixed. Tiles will be repaired.

Certain playground parts need replacing in many of our parks, e.g., Memorial Park bar needs replacing. Look for Gillian to ask for support in the future. These sorts of things are kind of costly.

Hiring update: hiring two technicians for forestry and downtown.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mini-Grant / Cassandra Bresnahan

She is doing a run to raise money for Manitou schools. Requesting \$1,000 by April 25. Covers the same costs as last year. She wants to have the money upfront so she doesn't have to pay for big things with her own money or the school's money. Example costs: expensive timing system, porta-potties, etc.

Last year, the run netted about \$10,000.

Jan motions to approve. All approve. Motion passes to forward \$1,000 to Cassandra Bresnahan. Tim Bresnahan abstains from the vote.

Danu suggests that Cassandra try to find other/additional sponsors for next year's run. Tim says Cassandra is working on that.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Continuing partnerships with Crane and MAT for Art Opportunities (Tim)

Will work to add art and opportunities throughout more of the park areas and to Zero Beckers Lane. More art displays.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

1.

Discuss Dog Park possibilities (Candace). Danu says there are no possibilities at the moment. Danu worries about poop because of poop problems with Fields Park. Candace says poop is an issue, but

it will be less so if other people are there to see people pick up or not pick up their dog's poop.

Danu: We'll put it on the list.

Rebecca would like a dog park if we can find a space for it.

2. Danu won't be here in April. Tim will take over the meeting.

3. Chris likes the new bench at Wheeler. Thank you, Gillian.

4. For Zero Beckers Lane, Chris suggests a "forest bathing" area. In other words, don't add more man-made structures to it. Candace agrees wholeheartedly with Chris (and Anthony). She would like to see fewer structures that include a lot of ugly metal. If there is art, she would like to see it formed out of more natural materials, like the little house carved from the tree in Memorial Park (Tim mentioned this before).

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Danu moves to adjourn at 7:30 PM

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Matthew Nelson, Arborist and Horticulturist
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Cassandra Hessel<chessel@manitouspringsco.gov>

To:Tim Beeson;PIO Manitou Springs
Cc:David C. Conley

Mon 3/17/2025 2:26 PM

We can open the survey whenever. It's live now so once the link is shared, we are good to go. We can also keep it open as long as you would like. I recommend at least 2 weeks or more. I can do a news release, social media blast, include it in our weekly newsletter, post on our website, and run an ad in the Pikes Peak Bulletin (requires funds) to promote the survey throughout the duration. Through our alert system, we can send out isolated text/emails to notify specific areas within Manitou Springs as well, I would just need an idea of those locations. Dates and timeframes are at your discretion on deadlines to council and such. Once the survey is completed, I can pull all the results into a spreadsheet for analysis/documentation.

Let me know if you need more information.

Cassandra Hessel

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Decisions on BBT Survey Options

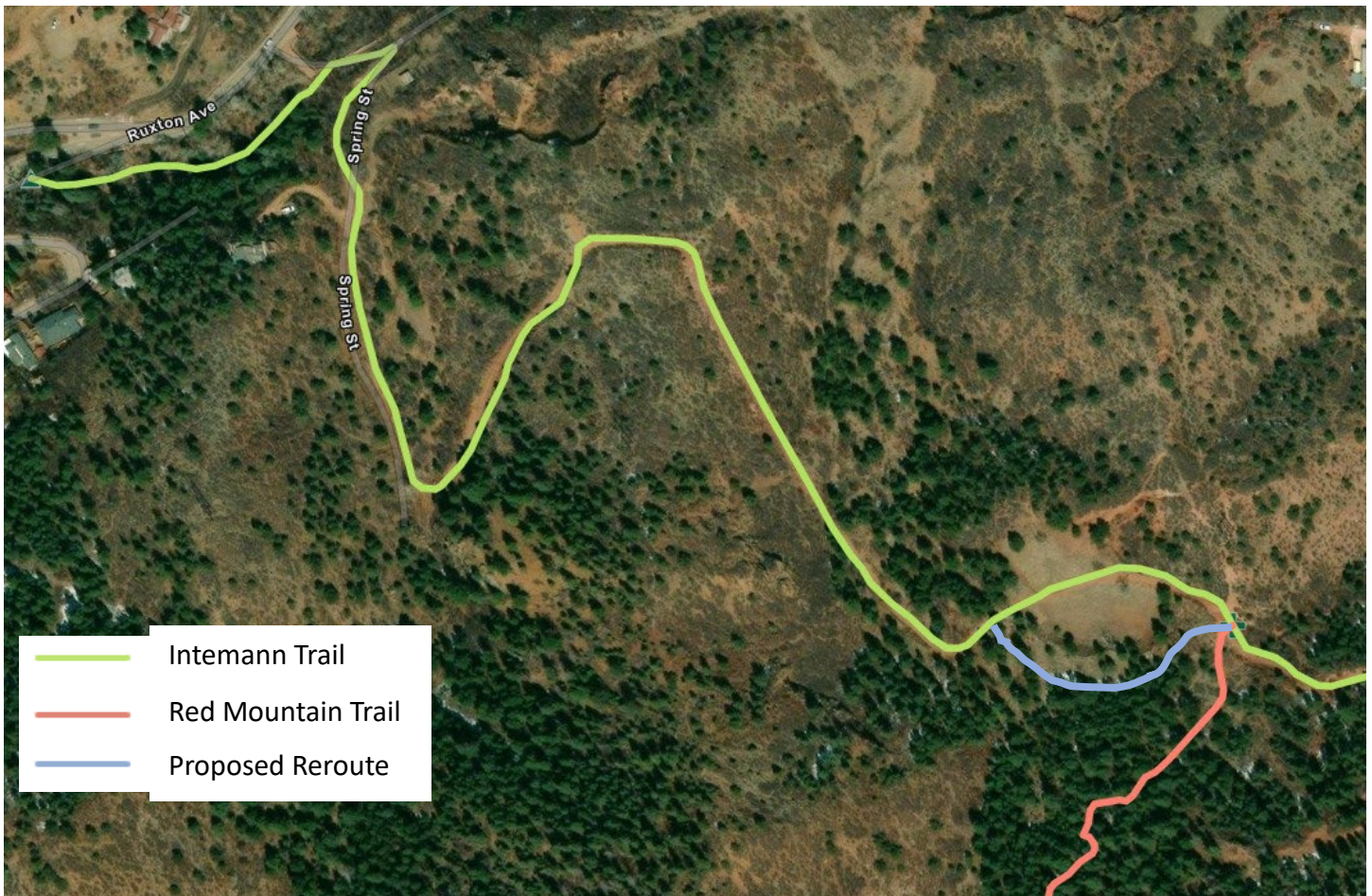
- When should we start the survey?
- How long should we run the survey?
- Should we do a news release?
- Should we do a social media blast?
- Should we post it in our weekly news letter?
- Should we post it on our website?
- Should we run an ad in the Pikes Peak Bulletin?
(If so, how much do we allocate.)
- Should we send out isolated text/emails to notify specific areas within Manitou Springs as well?
(If so, specify the regions.)

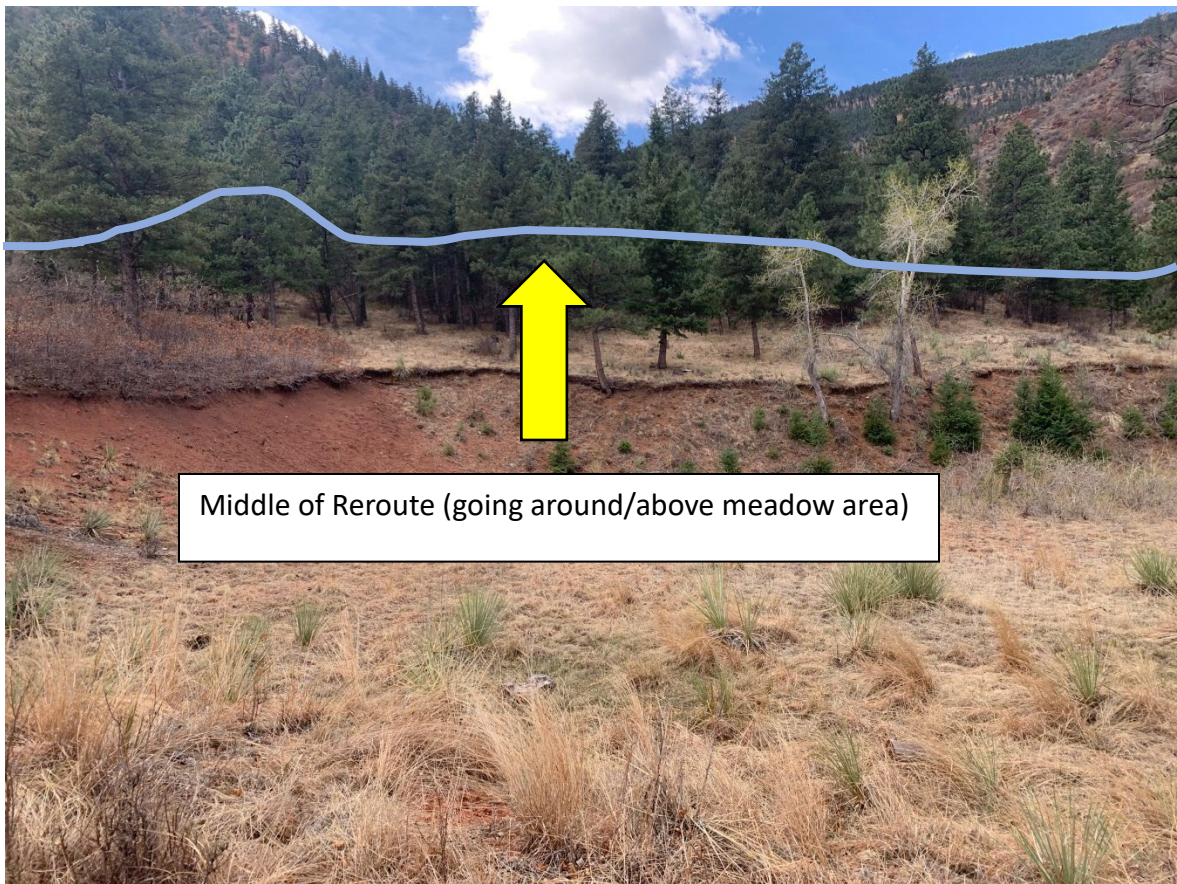
Wildcat Gulch Repairs



Proposed Trail Reroute

Intemann Trail Connecting to Red Mountain Trailhead





Middle of Reroute (going around/above meadow area)



Top of Reroute (connecting Intemann Trail to Red Mountain Trailhead)

Red line indicates section of Intemann Trail that will be for emergency access only.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	01	02	03 Great American Cleanup through Fountain Creek Watershed District
04	05 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Regular Meeting- Via Zoom Only	06 Urban Renewal Authority Regular Meeting City Council Regular Meeting	07 Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting	08 Coffee with the City Administrator	09	10 MSFD Chipper Day
11	12	13 2025 Neighborhood Chipping Day: Zone 1 Ruxton & Capitol Hill City Council Work Session	14 City Planning Commission Regular Meeting	15	16	17
18	19	20 City Council Regular Meeting	21 Housing Advisory Board Regular Meeting	22 Manitou Arts, Culture, and Heritage Board Regular Meeting- Virtual Only	23	24
25	26 Open Space Advisory Committee Regular Meeting- Virtual Only	27	28 Mobility and Parking Board (MAP) Regular Meeting	29	30	31