



MANITOU SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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June 2, 2025

6:00 PM

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- A. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**
 - B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 1. Draft Minutes from PARAB May 5, 2025
 - D. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
(Please limit your comments to 3 minutes)
 - E. REPORTS (5 minutes)**
 - 1. Arborist Report
 - 2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB)
 - a. Pickleball / Tennis Court (Jan)
 - 3. Council Liaison
 - 4. Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)
 - a. No available approved minutes.
 - F. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**
 - 1. Director's Report
 - G. OLD BUSINESS**
 - 1. Memorial Tree proposed planting at Soda Springs Park Update
 - 2. Letter of support for building new trail along open space/Bill Bowers Park access.
 - H. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Install New Plaque for Raul Maynez at The Fountain of Youth / Mansions Park
 - I. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 1. Schedule Special July Budget Session

J. ADJOURNMENT

Board Members:

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
Aaron Reynard, Forestry Tech

Alternates:

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

1 alternate position available

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**CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**
Draft of Regular Meeting Minutes
Remote Meeting via Zoom
May 5, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Fatt called the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB) meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Chair Danu Fatt
Vice Chair Tim Bresnahan
Board Member David Crawford
Board Member Christina Grow
Board Member Anthony Lane
Board Member Rebecca Wood
Alternate Board Member Candace Craig
Alternate Board Member Jan Johnson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Board Member Colin McAllister (Excused)

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Bresnahan moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Crawford. The motion was carried (6-0).

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft Minutes from PARAB April 7, 2025

Vice Chair Bresnahan moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Johnson. The motion carried (6-0), with Chair Fatt abstaining from the vote.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

(Please limit your comments to 3 minutes)

There was no public comment..

V. PRESENTATION (15 MINUTES)

1. Diane Fitzkee / Memorial Tree Request

Note for the record – Applicant Diane Fitzkee was not present for the presentation.

Chair Fatt shared that Applicant Fitzkee wants to plant a memorial tree for her friend, the late Nancy Joy Barrett, and that they have agreed to meet to discuss where to plant the tree.

VI. REPORTS (5 minutes)

1. Arborist Report

Parks and Recreation Director, Gillian Rossi, reported that 18 trees were planted at Library Park on April 4, 2025. Volunteers arrived to help plant the trees. The arborists will work on street tree pruning next. Director Rossi also announced the Fire Department's Chipper Day, slated to take place on Saturday, May 13, 2025 at the Ruxton and Capitol Hill area.

2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB)

3. Council Liaison

Council Liaison, Natalie Johnson, reported that the property at 0 Beckers Lane along the creek was not rezoned as park, and it will remain open space. The Council voted not to rezone it, primarily to keep it safe for wildlife.

Vice Chair Bresnahan argued that two citizen advisory boards voted to rezone the property. He stated that he is surprised that the Council would vote against rezoning it to park and added that business owners in the area worry about what will happen to the area if it is not officially utilized.

Council Liaison Johnson agreed to raise the issue again in the future.

Council Liaison Johnson also commented that there is a widespread issue with dog waste not being properly picked up.

4. Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)

A. No approved minutes available

There was nothing to report regarding OSAC.

VII. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. Director's Report

Director Rossi reported on the following:

- On Wednesday, the playground equipment will be delivered by a large crane. Park Avenue will be difficult to traverse. Therefore, there will be a detour route.
- Middle school students involved in the Concrete Couch Fab Lab, an after-school arts club, are refurbishing the Little Library in Schryver Park.
- Irrigation systems are being reactivated, and any identified leaks are being repaired in preparation for the season.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for new additional funding for Manizoo repairs

Director Rossi presented the estimates for repairs to the Manizoo playground. For each of the 18 sections, it will cost \$430. She requested that the board provide information on the number of sections it would be able to fund this year and noted that last year, PARAB approved \$900 for section three. She added that the other sections are less expensive because not as many tiles need to be replaced. There are two sections in need of repair right away. For this year, Director Rossi is asking PARAB to fund \$430 to repair section two, only.

Board member Johnson moved to approve allocating \$430 to the city Parks and Recreation department to initiate repairs on section two of the Manizoo, which is located in Memorial Park. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Bresnahan. The motion was carried (6-0).

2. Renaming the Flats Overlook Park to Bear Brothers (Overlook) (Cultural) Park / Request to Council

There was a general consensus that the name should be Bear Brothers Park, not Bear Brothers Cultural Park.

Board Member Craig commented that the cultural premise of the two brothers is there, but the addition of the word "cultural" implies that more cultural art elements be present.

Chair Fatt suggested postponing the discussion.

3. Memorial Tree Application / Diane Fitzkee

There was a discussion regarding possible locations for the memorial tree, in which PARAB considered Wheeler Park and Soda Springs Park. It was determined that Chair Fatt and Vice Chair Bresnahan would inspect potential locations for the tree.

4. Ideas to identify existing and future Memorial Trees

There was a brief discussion about labeling memorial trees, in which it was determined that the city would continue with the use of a plaque or rock.

Chair Fatt stated that she will do some investigating into the number and placement of the existing memorial trees, as well as costs, and report back to PARAB.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. New Art Installations along Creekwalk, 0 Beckers Ln.

Vice Chair Bresnahan commented that without 0 Beckers Lane rezoned to park, the matter of installing art along the Creekwalk in the area is moot.

Director Rossi reported that Creative Alliance Manitou Springs (CRANE) quoted \$90 to reprint each of the art walk pieces that were vandalized. She added that they do not have a commitment from CRANE that they are willing to reprint the vandalized pieces.

The consensus was that PARAB is willing to fund the remaking of the vandalized pieces.

Vice Chair Bresnahan stated that he will reach out to Audrey Gray with CRANE to discuss the matter.

Board member Grow suggested that the board write a letter of support to create a soft trail that connects lower Crystal Hills Boulevard to Bill Bauers Park.

Director Rossi shared that she is collecting opinions from the community on the creation of such a trail.

Board Member Grow agreed to write a letter of support on behalf of PARAB.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

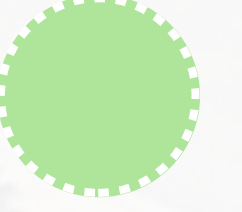



XI. ADJOURNMENT

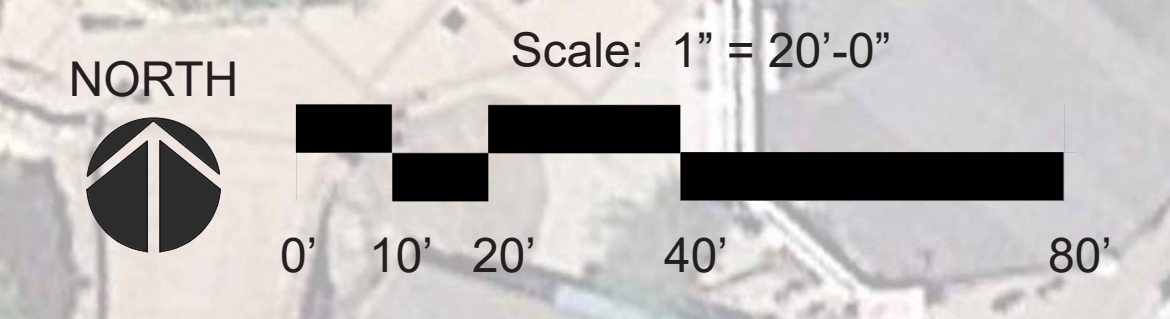
With nothing left to discuss, Board Member Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Grow. The motion was carried (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

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SODA SPRINGS PARK

LEGEND:

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| 1 SODA SPRINGS ART SCULPTURE | 18 CUSTOM SEATING INTEGRATED INTO THE LANDSCAPE |  PROPOSED DECIDUOUS TREES |
| 2 STAMPED CONCRETE PLAZA | 19 CUSTOM CENTRAL SEATING FEATURE WITH STACKED BEAMS, INSPIRED BY THE STEPS OF THE MANITOU INCLINE |  EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE LOCATIONS |
| 3 EXISTING PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TO REMAIN | 20 BIKE RACK, TYPICAL |  COMMUNITY ART LOCATIONS |
| 4 STABILIZED CRUSHER FINES WALKWAY WITH CONCRETE EDGE | 21 BOULDERS AND DRIFTWOOD SEATING FEATURES, LOCATED ADJACENT TO PLANTING TO MIMIC THE CREEK EDGE |  LIGHT BOLLARD LOCATIONS |
| 5 NEW IRRIGATED TURF LAWN | 22 RELOCATE EXISTING BOULDERS, AND RESET FLAGSTONE PAVERS TO MIMIC A RIVER 'EDDY' | |
| 6 DOWNSPOUT REPAIR AND MODIFICATION TO DRAIN TOWARDS EXISTING GARDEN | 23 REMOVE EXISTING CONCRETE PLANTER WALL AND REPLACE WITH NEW NATIVE LANDSCAPE BEDS | |
| 7 REPLACE GUTTERS AND CONNECT DOWNSPOUTS TO DRAIN TOWARDS CREEK | 24 EXISTING TRANSFORMER | |
| 8 NEW DECIDUOUS SHADE TREE | 25 BUILDING MOUNTED BUILT-IN DRINKING FOUNTAIN WITH WATER BOTTLE FILTER | |
| 9 NEW NATIVE LANDSCAPE PLANTING, TYPICAL | 26 REPLACED PORTION OF WALK WITH PLANTING | |
| 10 NEW AUDIO & VISUAL LIGHTING WITHIN EXISTING PAVILION | 27 NEW DECORATIVE METAL FENCE | |
| 11 NEW BENCH, TYPICAL | 28 CHECKERBOARD GAME TABLE | |
| 12 NEW COLORED CONCRETE DRIVE FOR EQUIPMENT DROP OFF AND EMERGENCY ACCESS | 29 ADA PICNIC TABLE | |
| 13 RELOCATED SAN-O-LETS | 30 EXISTING ROCK/BOULDER AREA TO REMAIN | |
| 14 EXISTING BOULDERS TO REMAIN, TYPICAL | 31 EXISTING STREET PARKING | |
| 15 REMOVEABLE VEHICULAR BOLLARDS | 32 LIGHT BOLLARD FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, TYPICAL | |
| 16 NATIVE GRASS LANDSCAPE | 33 OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL PING PONG TABLE | |
| 17 POLLINATOR GARDENS, TYPICAL | | |



To: The Manitou Springs Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) and the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Manitou Springs

From: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB)

Date: May 30, 2025

PARAB thanks the Manitou Springs Open Space Advisory Committee, elected officials, and City staff for your service to our community, and for this opportunity to provide input on the potential development of recreation and transportation infrastructure on property acquired through the voter-approved Open Space tax.

PARAB strongly supports the construction of the proposed Bill Bauers Park Trail on the property that was purchased using Manitou Springs Open Space funds, specifically envisioning a permeable-surface multi-use trail **connecting lower Crystal Hills Boulevard to Bill Bauers Park.**

We believe this trail represents a significant, valuable improvement to our community's infrastructure in several key ways:

1. **Enhanced Safety and Accessible Recreation:** The trail will provide a separated space for residents and visitors to travel between the URA and Bill Bauers park, and to enjoy access to nature away from vehicular traffic. This directly supports Manitou's community goal of promoting safe pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.
2. **Improves Connectivity:** The Bill Bauers Park Trail is a critical link for Manitou Springs. It will:
 - Connect the Crystal Hills neighborhood (over 350 households) to downtown Manitou Springs via Bill Bauers Park.
 - Provide improved, safer non-motorized access for residents wishing to reach Red Rocks Open Space, the Creekwalk Trail, and other City parks..
 - Allow residents of all ages in the Crystal Hills area to connect to Mountain Metro Transit (#3 bus) and the proposed Manitou shuttle stop along Manitou Avenue, without relying on a vehicle.
 - It will help fill a crucial gap in the city wide micro-mobility network.
3. **Provides a Safe Route to School and parks for kids:** The Bill Bauers trail takes a major step toward safe, off-street access for students in the Crystal Hills neighborhood to safely reach Manitou Avenue and all three Manitou Springs School District 14 schools and parks.

4. **Fulfills the Intent of Open Space & Aligns with City Plans to connect parks:** Clearing deadfall, mitigating fuels and developing low-impact recreational trails is a primary and appropriate use for lands acquired with Open Space tax funds. The trail was proposed when this property was approved for purchase and preservation as an alternative to allowing private development of the space. Furthermore, creating new separated spaces for non-motorized uses is a textbook example of the type of infrastructure prioritized in, and aligned with, the **2016 Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan, 2017 Plan Manitou, and the 2019 Transportation & Mobility Master Plan**. It provides engaged public access, increasing stewardship and connection to our natural environment, and offers a viable mobility enhancement compared to the challenges of installing sidewalks along Crystal Hills Boulevard.
5. **Honors Public Investment & Ensures Access:** ALL Manitou residents (and visitors) contributed to the purchase of this property through the Open Space tax. The development of this trail ensures the general public receives the benefit of that investment through access, rather than limiting use to only adjacent neighbors.
6. **Improves Public Safety & Reduces Fire Risk:** Across Colorado, activating undeveloped open space with trails consistently reduces illegal activities, including unauthorized camping and dangerous illegal campfires. This trail will enhance public safety and reduce wildfire risk in this area.
7. **Promotes Health and Well-being:** Access to trails and parks encourages outdoor activity, contributing positively to the physical and mental health of our community members. The unique surroundings of this space will be compelling for the immediate neighbors as well as all of the residents of Manitou Springs.

PARAB urges the Open Space Advisory Committee and Manitou Springs City Council to **proceed expeditiously with the design of the Bill Bauers Trail and the allocation of the necessary resources for its timely construction.**

PARAB is committed to collaborating with OSAC, the City, and other partners to help make this valuable community asset a reality.

Sincerely,

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board





The Fountain of Youth

**Dedicated this 15th day of June 2001
by the City of Manitou Springs.**

**A memorial to all children
lost under tragic circumstances
in Colorado,
in the hope they
will be remembered
and that this fountain
might bring aid and comfort
to those who have lost a loved one
too soon.**

***"Let the waters of this fountain
soothe their tears
and cleanse their hearts."***



July ▾

2025 ▾

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	01 Urban Renewal Authority Regular Meeting <hr/> City Council Regular Meeting	02 Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting <hr/> Manitou Springs Library Concert Series hosted by PPLD	03	04 4th of July holiday	05
06	07 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Regular Meeting- Via Zoom Only	08 City Council Work Session	09 City Planning Commission Regular Meeting <hr/> Manitou Springs Library Concert Series hosted by PPLD	10	11	12
13	14	15 2025 Neighborhood Chipping Day: Zone 6 Vias & Beckers <hr/> City Council Regular Meeting	16 Housing Advisory Board Regular Meeting <hr/> Manitou Springs Library Concert Series hosted by PPLD	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Mobility and Parking Board (MAP) Regular Meeting <hr/> Manitou Springs Library Concert Series hosted by PPLD	24 Manitou Arts, Culture, and Heritage Board Regular Meeting- Virtual Only	25	26
27	28 Open Space Advisory Committee Regular Meeting- Virtual Only	29	30	31	01	02