



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

Regular Meeting Minutes
Hybrid Meeting
In Person at 513 Manitou Avenue
and Remote via Zoom
May 28, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBER OPENINGS

Chair Conley called the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

1. Announcement of Paul Arlinghaus and regular member, approved by Council May 20, 2025

Chair Conley confirmed that Paul Arlinghaus was appointed as a regular member of OSAC by the City Council on May 20, 2025.

2. There are two openings for alternate members

Chair Conley confirmed that there were two alternate positions open on OSAC.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Chair David Conley
Committee Member Paul Arlinghaus
Committee Member Judy Carnick
Committee Member Sheryl Cline (via Zoom)
Committee Member Robin Kovats
Committee Member Anthony Maltese

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Committee Member Andrea Sutela (Arrived at 6:19 PM)
Alternate Committee Member Nancy Wilson (Excused)

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. None available at this time.

No minutes were reviewed or discussed.

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

There was no public comment.

D. REPORTS

1. Parks & Rec Advisory Board (PARAB) Update

- a. No available approved Minutes at this time

No minutes were reviewed or discussed.

2. Director's Comments

Parks and Recreation Director Gillian Rossi shared information about Open Space and Park Liability, including premises liability, governmental immunity, and third-party liability.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bill Bauer Survey: update on Council request for Work Session, survey postponed

Director Rossi reported that the City Council will hold a work session on the proposed citizen survey on June 10, 2025.

Committee Members Arlinghaus and Sutela noted that they would try to attend the meeting in person.

2. Intemann Re-Route: status of RMFI trail work near Red Mt. trail intersection and Volunteer Day on May 24 near High School

Chair Conley stated that the Rocky Mountain Field Institute (RMFI) completed the re-route near the Red Mountain Trailhead. He added that he had biked the re-route and reported that it was in fine shape.

Committee Member Arlinghaus shared some photos of the new trail.

Chair Conley and Committee Member Arlinghaus reported that they participated in a volunteer work day conducted by RMFI on May 24, 2025. This effort reworked drains above the High School on lower Intemann Trail.

Director Rossi requested suggestions on how RMFI should fill the remainder of their workdays. Suggestions were made to clear drainages along the Intemann and Red Mountain Trails, conduct corridor clearing, and repair the steps leading to the Iron Mountain Trailhead from Crystal Park Road.

3. Fire Mitigation update: input from MSFD on identifying parcels and obtaining bids

Director Rossi reported that Fire Lieutenant Mike Willie is working on a plan and trying to identify funding for mitigation on Black Canyon Open Space and other locations.

4. Field Park, 0 Becker Lane: explanation from Rossi on Council requirements for limited development and future OSAC requirements, if any

Director Rossi reported that in April the City Council had pulled the parcel from the rezoning package that would have rezoned the open space parcel as park. At this point, no further action is needed from OSAC. She shared that the chain link fence was removed from the property, the trees were pruned to remove hazards and deadwood, and a trash cleanup took place.

Director Rossi suggested the idea of a joint meeting between OSAC and PARAB. If both groups would like to continue to pursue park zoning for the property, a conceptual plan needs to be in place first that includes cost, staffing needs, and other details.

5. Signage update on Intemann Trail access points

Director Rossi reported that the signs were ordered but had not yet arrived for installation.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Potential revision of POST: Andrea on this suggestion.

Committee Member Sutela suggested that the committee schedule time to re-visit the Parks, Open Space, & Trails (POST) Master Plan as it was adopted in 2016 and is almost ten years old.

Council Liaison Judith Chandler recommended that OSAC form a subcommittee to pursue revisions of the plan.

2. Iron Mountain repair proposal: Paul Arlinghaus and Dave Conley on suggestion for mechanized work, requirements for bids or RFP depending on value of work

Committee Member Arlinghaus and Chair Conley reviewed their suggestion for mechanical work on a portion of Iron Mountain Trail where the original road was balded to retain water. The route needs to be re-worked with equipment to allow water to flow off the trail.

Director Rossi stated that she would identify contractors and prepare a bid package.

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Confirm next meeting date

Chair Conley confirmed that the next meeting date will be Monday, June 23, 2025.

Council Liaison Chandler recommended adding a discussion about the 2025 Colorado Open Space Alliance (COSA) Conference to the June agenda. She shared that registration starts in July and that the conference takes places October 6, 2025 through October 8, 2025.

H. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Chair Conley adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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