



**CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Special Meeting Minutes
Remote Meeting via Zoom
October 1, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBER OPENINGS

Chair Conley called the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Chair David Conley
Committee Member Sheryl Cline
Committee Member Robin Kovats
Committee Member Anthony Maltese

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Paul Arlinghaus (Arrived at 06:12PM)
Committee Member Judy Carnick
Committee Member Andrea Sutela

1. Three openings for alternate members.

The committee discussed the need for better communication regarding member attendance.

2. Vote on appointment of Cassandra Bresnahan and Marion Ceruzzi as alternate members.

OSAC members addressed the status of alternate member appointments, noting that Cassandra Bresnahan and Marion Ceruzzi had previously participated in a meeting.

Committee Member Kovats moved to approve recommending the appointments of Cassandra Bresnahan and Marion Ceruzzi to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Maltese. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

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

There was no public comment.

C. REPORTS

1. Director's Comments (Gillian Rossi, 10 Minutes)

a. Project Updates

i. Black Canyon Open Space Fire Mitigation & Master Plan Implementation

Parks and Recreation Director Gillian Rossi announced that a contract with Front Range Arborists for fire mitigation in Black Canyon Open Space will be presented to the City Council on October 7, 2025, and gave updates on progress on the master plan implementation involving Kimley Horn for crosswalk and trail corridor permits.

ii. Bill Bauers Open Space Public Outreach Survey

Director Rossi shared that the upcoming survey for Bill Bauers open space is expected to be reviewed at the October meeting and issued after Thanksgiving.

iii. Iron Mountain Trail Repair

Director Rossi noted that Iron Mountain Trail work by Timberline Trail Craft will start on October 13, 2025.

Chair Conley offered to follow up with a neighbor, Michael Clark, regarding trail access on Oak Ridge Drive. Mr. Clark offered to provide support for trail contractors if questions or issues with access arose.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado Grant Opportunity (Dave, Paul, Gillian, 10 minutes)

The committee discussed a Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) grant opportunity due October 15, 2025, which would provide volunteer assistance for trail maintenance in 2026. The consensus was that the committee would pursue trail construction in Black Canyon Open Space as the primary project, with maintenance on other trails as a backup option, rather than focusing on trash cleanup.

Director Rossi and Chair Conley agreed to prepare the VOC services application.

Vice Chair Arlinghaus and Committee Member Maltese provided input on potential trail work locations and cleanup needs in Black Canyon.

2. OSAC Meeting Minutes – Resignation of Amanda Robinson (Gillian, All, 5 minutes)

The members discussed the need for a new secretary to handle meeting minutes, as Amanda Robinson's resignation left the position vacant.

Chair Conley suggested waiting to see the AI-generated meeting transcript before making a decision on hiring.

Director Rossi offered to temporarily take on the minutes if needed.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. 2026 OSAC Budget Proposal (Dave Conley, All, 10 Minutes)

Council Liaison Judith Chandler confirmed that OSAC would present their budget to City Council on October 28, 2025.

Director Rossi mentioned the possibility of OSAC contributing an additional \$20,000 to the Creek Walk 6 project, which could potentially start next year instead of being delayed until 2027.

Committee Member Cline moved to approve the addition of a \$20,000 line item for Creek Walk 6, contingent upon the committee receiving detailed grant information from Director Rossi. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Arlinghaus. The motion carried (5-0).

OSAC also reviewed and discussed various budget items including professional services, training, noxious weed mitigation, trail building, land acquisition, and administrative support.

Committee Member Cline moved to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Kovats. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

2. Trail Maintenance

a. Intemann Trail Maintenance (Dave, 5 minutes)

No discussion.

b. Volunteer Trail Workday on October 5th (Paul, 5 minutes)

Chair Conley provided an update on trail maintenance, and announced that there will be a workday on October 5, 2025 organized by Shanti Toll and Medicine Wheel to improve the Intemann Trail near Spring Street.

Vice Chair Arlinghaus confirmed his attendance for the workday. He shared plans to address rock armoring needs in two areas along the trail access from Laguna Point. He added that he will be meeting with Parks Supervisor Josh Farmer on Monday to source materials.

Chair Conley stated that he plans to attend the workday.

c. Wayfinding Signage Update (Dave, 5 minutes)

The meeting also touched on the installation of wayfinding signage for the Intemann Trail, noting that arrows had been installed, but one sign still required a post and sign.

3. Trail Mapping

- a. Status of trail map on City website and other applications.

It was determined that Vice Chair Arlinghaus would review COTREX, Trail Forks, and other mapping platforms this winter to ensure Manitou Springs trails are correctly represented.

- b. Update and reprint of “Manitou Springs Trails and Parks” brochure. (All) Director Rossi agreed to research printing costs and gather data on paper map usage from the Chamber of Commerce.

The consensus was that the committee would wait until Black Canyon trails are complete before printing new maps, and consider creating a smaller, more cost-effective map with links to digital resources.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Preview of OSAC Budget Presentation to City Council.

No discussion.

2. Discuss RMFI Contract for 2026.

No discussion.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Council Liaison Chandler announced that there will be a Candidate Forum on October 9, 2025 at the Cliff House.

Director Rossi shared that she would attend the Colorado Open Space Alliance conference

With no further business to discuss, Chair Conley adjourned the meeting at x07:00 PM.

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