MANITOU SPRINGS
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

In-person meeting at the Manitou Arts Center, 515 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, CO, 80829

January 29, 2026 **6:00 PM**

A. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBER OPENINGS

1. There is one opening for an alternate member.

2. Welcome to new Council Liaison, Carey Storm.

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft minutes of OSAC November 17, 2025 meeting

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. An Executive Sessions to hold a conference with the City Administrator and Finance Director to discuss potential open space acquisitions.

E. REPORTS

1. Parks & Recreation Director's Report

    a. Update on BCOS Master Plan Implementation
    b. BCOS – Sacred Site Vandalism
    c. Mile High Youth Corps Project Dates and Noxious Weed Management Workshop

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Fire Mitigation: update on Council budget authorization and planning meeting with MSFD Lt. Mike Willie and City Administrator

2. West End Trail Access: update on communication with David Walton

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Black Canyon Open Space: Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) Workday

    a. Discuss additional funding for this project.

2. Alternate Application by Anthony Lane.

3. Vote on OSAC Board Positions.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Standard Operating Procedure: review draft and adopt

2. Review Bill Bauers Open Space Questionnaire results

I. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Members:
David Conley, Chair (03/31/2028)
Paul Arlinghaus, Vice Chair (03/21/2029)
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)
Cassandra Bresnahan, Alternate Member (03/31/2029)
Marion Ceruzzi, Alternate Member (03/31/2029)

1 alternate position available

Staff and Liaisons:
Carey Storm, Council Liaison
Gillian Rossi, Parks & Recreation Director

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CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Minutes
Remote Meeting via Zoom
November 17, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBER OPENINGS

Chair Conley called the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Chair David Conley
Vice Chair Paul Arlinghaus
Committee Member Judy Carnick
Committee Member Sheryl Cline
Committee Member Robin Kovats
Committee Member Anthony Maltese
Committee Member Andrea Sutela
Alternate Committee Member Cassandra Bresnahan
Alternate Committee Member Marion Ceruzzi

1. There is one opening for an alternate member

The opening for an alternate member was not discussed.

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

Cory Sutela of Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates, thanked OSAC for their support on November 9, 2025, Volunteer Trail Workday.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft minutes of OSAC March 24, 2025 meeting

Committee Member Kovats moved to approve the minutes as amended to correct the word “proceed” to “precede” on page eight. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Kovats. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

2. Draft minutes of OSAC April 28, 2025 meeting

Committee Member Kovats moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Carnick. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

3. Draft minutes of OSAC June 23, 2025 meeting

Committee Member Cline moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Carnick. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

4. Draft minutes of OSAC July 28, 2025 meeting

Committee Member Carnick moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Kovats. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

5. Draft minutes of OSAC August 25, 2025 meeting

Committee Member Kovats moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Cline. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Update on the Pollinator Garden Project at 121 Pawnee Open Space Presented by the Manitou Springs Garden Club.

Manitou Springs Garden Club members, Greg DiFiore and Becky Elder, updated OSAC regarding the native pollinator plant garden project. They reviewed the garden's design, dimensions, and plans for planting native species. A permit for the fence was obtained and the site is being prepped for planting. The educational aspect of the garden was emphasized and the potential for collaboration with Pikes Peak Permaculture was noted. The water source for the garden and the city's involvement in preparing the site was discussed. Planting is planned for the spring.

E. REPORTS

1. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB) Update

No discussion.

2. Parks & Recreation Director's Comments

   a. Update on Bill Bauers Park questionnaire

The Committee discussed feedback on the Bill Bauer's Open Space outreach questionnaire, which is being revised with Kimley Horne after Thanksgiving.

   b. Update on Black Canyon planning efforts

Parks and Recreation Director Gillian Rossi reported that quotes are being obtained for Black Canyon survey work for the crosswalk, pathway, and bridge.

c. Creek Walk 4: grand opening Nov. 18

Director Rossi announced the Creek Walk Trail Phase 4 ribbon-cutting event scheduled for November 18, 2025 at 10:00 AM, inviting OSAC members to attend. She also mentioned that El Paso County trail department representatives would like to introduce themselves at an upcoming OSAC meeting in February or March.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Fire Mitigation: update on meeting with MSFD Lt. Mike Willie on parcel selection and next steps. (Gillian and Dave)

Chair Conley provided an update on a planned meeting with Fire Lieutenant Mike Willie regarding fire mitigation efforts, clarifying that a meeting the Fire Department had earlier in November was with the Colorado Springs Fire Department, not Colorado Springs Utilities.

2. Trail Maintenance

a. Update on November 9 work day: Paul

No discussion.

b. Sign placement on Iron Mountain on OSAC funding for the repair. Dave

No discussion.

3. West End Parcels: discussion on potential open space and trail option

Chair Conley provided an update on previous conversations with the Walton and Jenkins families, noting that both were open to proposals but wary of past rejections.

OSAC discussed the need for organized community engagement and agreed to explore options for preserving trail access while avoiding increased traffic in the Ruxton Corridor. They decided to schedule a site visit to better understand the properties and trails in question.

Several members expressed interest in seeing the water treatment plant area.

Chair Conley opened the floor for public comment at 6:55 Pm.

Manitou Springs residents, Jeff Barry and Amy Karas, shared concerns about increased traffic in the Ruxton Corridor and highlighted ongoing survey activities that may indicate development plans. Amy suggested possible incentives like tax breaks to the Walton family or trade-offs for maintaining access to their property.

Cory Sutela, a resident of Pilot Knob Avenue, expressed interest in exploring trail

connections and emphasized the importance of designing sustainable trails without being limited by existing unofficial trails. He suggested collaboration with the City of Colorado Springs to utilize available funds for potential land purchases or easements, while emphasizing the need for fair market value for private property.

Chair Conley closed public comment at 7:10 PM.

Committee Member Carnick proposed forming a subcommittee to address traffic concerns and develop innovative solutions to ensure cooperation among all parties involved.

Vice Chair Arlinghaus highlighted the complexity of the issue, suggesting that trail access could be developed without increasing traffic, and recommended involving city staff in any discussions with private landowners.

Council Liaison Judith Chandler advised caution and suggested consulting the City Administrator before engaging with developers, noting the emotional nature of the issue and the potential for future proposals.

OSAC acknowledged the need to for quick action, as delays would not be productive.

Committee Member Cline motioned to form a subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Carnick. The motion carried (7-0).

Committee Members Carnick and Cline, as well as Chair Conley volunteered to serve.

4. Beisel Parcels: update on status: Dave

No discussion.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Draft OSAC Standard Operating Procedure: Dave
   a. For distribution and discussion

The Committee discussed the process for reviewing and finalizing the standard operating procedure (SOP).

Committee Member Ceruzzi suggested collating comments and potentially holding a meeting to resolve conflicts.

Chair Conley proposed using Adobe for document editing. Director Rossi noted potential access issues with Adobe.

It was determined that comments would be submitted to Committee Member Ceruzzi.

Council Liaison Chandler suggested creating identification tags for members during site visits. Chair Conley agreed to explore options for pins or lanyards.

a. Anticipate final approval in a future meeting.

There was a general discussion about scheduling, during which the Committee discussed canceling the regular December meeting and agreed to consider a special meeting on December 8, 2025, to keep momentum during the holiday season.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No discussion.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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Damage to Vision Quest Sacred Site in Black Canyon Open Space

Reported by Manuel Pulido on December 24th, 2025

City of Manitou Springs

Application for Board/Commission Membership

Please complete the following to express interest in board or commission membership.

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Which Board are you Applying For?	Open Space Advisory Committee
Membership Requested	• Alternate
Full Name	Anthony Lane
Street Address	124 Fairview Ave.
City	Manitou Springs
State	Co
Zip Code	80829
Phone	7195103875
Email	anthonytlane@yahoo.com
Do you have any special interests? If so, please briefly provide details below:	I've enjoyed serving on PARAB for the past 2.5 years. When I joined, I had planned to find ways also to engage with OSAC, but other commitments have prevented me from doing so. I get out on Manitou's trails almost every day and, as a resident in the Ruxton corridor, I am interested in becoming more involved in conversations about conservation, outdoor recreation, and development in the city. I'd like to switch from PARAB to OSAC and to continue serving as a volunteer for the city.

Per City Charter 9.3: The Council shall not appoint to any Board or Commission any member of the immediate family of any Council Member. Immediate family shall be defined as spouse, parents, brothers, sisters, and children.

(Amendment No. 8, adopted and approved January 14, 1975)

Do you have an immediate family member on City Council?	No

Please attach a resume:	AL resume 12-1-25.docx
Date	12/01/2025

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Experience

- Colorado State University System (Denver, Colo.), Senior Writer (2022-)
- The University of Maryland, Baltimore County (Baltimore, Md.), Deputy Chief of Staff, communications manager (2010-2022)
- The Colorado Springs Independent (Colorado Springs, Colo.), Reporter (2007-2010)
- The Gazette (Colorado Springs, Colo.), Reporter (2006-2007)
- The Casper Star-Tribune (Casper, Wyo.), Reporter (2004-2006)
- The Daily Times-Call, Longmont, Colo., Reporter (2003-2004) -

Education

- UMBC (Baltimore, Md.) — Ph.D., Public Policy (August, 2019)
- University of Colorado (Boulder, Colo.) — Master of Arts in print journalism (May, 2003).
- Bowdoin College (Brunswick, Maine) — A.B. in Physics and Philosophy (May, 1996)

Personal

- Participant in Leadership Baltimore County's Signature Program, 2021-2022.
- Member of the Public Relations Society of American (PRSA).
- Completed 30-year goal of climbing Colorado's 58 14,000-foot mountains (August, 2018).
- Volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters program, 2008-2010.
- Studied Spanish for two months while traveling in South America (May – August, 2004).
- Reported from the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa, in late summer, 2002.
- Spent three seasons as a professional ski patroller at Copper Mountain and multiple seasons as an outdoor educator and trip leader for Camp Agawam (Raymond, Maine) and Colorado Outward Bound School.