



**CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Remote Meeting via Zoom  
November 3, 2025

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Fatt called the Parks and Recreations Advisory Board (PARAB) meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL:**

Chair Danu Fatt  
Vice Chair Tim Bresnahan  
Board Member Christina Grow  
Board Member Colin McAllister  
Board Member Rebecca Wood  
Alternate Board Member Jan Johnson

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT FOR ROLL CALL:**

Board Member Anthony Lane (Excused)

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. None available

Chair Fatt noted she had seen a draft of the October minutes and suggested one correction. The correction was that she, not Board Member Crawford, moved to adjourn the meeting. Drafted minutes will be presented to the board in the December meeting packet.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There was no public comment.

## **E. PRESENTATION**

There were no presentations.

## **F. REPORTS**

### **1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB)**

It was noted that Board Member David Crawford has stepped down from his position on PARAB.

Chair Fatt reported that she presented the budget to the City Council. The budget seemed to be well-received by Council. Council Liaison Natalie Johnson, and Board Member Johnson reported that Chair Fatt did a great job presenting the budget to Council and answered all of their questions.

### **2. Council Liaison**

Council Liaison Johnson reported that the first reading of the City's budget will take place on November 18, 2025 and an all-day budget retreat on November 22, 2025. Then the final reading will be on December 2, 2025. Council is eagerly anticipating the election results of Ballot Issue 2A as that will have an impact on the budget.

### **3. Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)**

Vice Chair of OSAC, Paul Arlinghaus, reported that OSAC has focused on trail maintenance in the last year.

- They have had three volunteer work days. A fourth work day is scheduled for the upcoming weekend.
- They have partnered with Rocky Mountain Field Institute (RMFI) to complete a trail reroute on the Intemann Trail.
- They funded some mechanized trail work on Iron Mountain in an area that was affected by erosion.
- They contributed to the continuation of the Creek Walk Trail project.
- They funded some signage on the Intemann Trail.
- They have done work to prepare to build trails in the Black Canyon Open Space next year.
- They funded a professional survey to assess community opinions on trail development in Bowers Open Space.

Board Member McAllister and Vice Chair Bresnahan thanked Paul for OSAC's work over the past year.

## **G. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

### **1. Director's Report**

Parks and Recreation Director Gillian Rossi reported that the Department has assisted with tree planting along Creek Walk Phase 4 and the ribbon cutting for this phase will be held on November 18, 2025. On this date, the trail will be completely open and the City will take over maintenance of the trees and pollinator gardens that are going in along that section as well.

Director Rossi shared that the tree canopy assessment using 2024 aerials was presented at a City Council meeting in October. The assessment is available online. Manitou Springs's tree canopy coverage is over 50%. For a comparison, Colorado Springs tree canopy coverage is 17%. Schryver Park has the most tree canopy coverage, followed closely by Fields Park. The tree canopy in Manitou increased by 9% between 2020 and 2024.

Director Rossi reported on pool renovations. The pool roof is nearing completion. The part above the natatorium has been completed and the parking office has moved out of the multi-purpose room. New flooring was installed in the fitness center and the multi-purpose room bringing these areas up to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. So far, the renovation is on time. Staff are looking into replacing the indoor hot tub with a sauna.

Director Rossi added that the Parks and Recreation Department is preparing for the snow season.

Director Rossi shared that Meghan Weiss, the Events and Recreation Coordinator, is on maternity leave. In her absence, Director Rossi and Lisa Korbitz, the City's Head Lifeguard, will be assisting with special events and recreation until mid-January when Coordinator Weiss returns.

## **H. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Mini-Grant Request / Flying Pig Farm**

Board Member Wood moved to fund the FPF mini-grant request to fund their winter solstice event for \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Bresnahan. The motion was carried (6-0).

## **I. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. Schedule January 2026 PARAB meeting**

Chair Fatt noted that the next PARAB meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2025. She shared that Hord Coplan Macht requested to present a 90% design for Phase III of the Soda Springs Park project.

On February 2, 2026, PARAB will hold the annual strategic planning meeting. There will be no meeting in January.

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Fatt adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

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