



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

Regular Meeting Minutes
Remote Meeting via Zoom
April 6, 2026

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Fatt called the Parks and Recreations Advisory Board (PARAB) meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Chair Danu Fatt
Vice Chair Tim Bresnahan
Board Member Christina Grow
Board Member Jehan-Ara Khan
Board Member Colin McAllister
Board Member Holley Murphy

1. One regular position available; three alternate positions available

Chair Fatt nominated Board Member Khan as Secretary.

Chair Fatt moved to appoint Board Member Khan as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Board Member Murphy. The motion was carried (6-0).

Chair Fatt announced that with the addition of Holley Murphy, PARAB currently has one regular member opening and three alternate member openings.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Fatt proposed amendments to the agenda:

- Removal of Mobility & Parking Director presentation
- Removal of Council Liaison report

Board Member McAllister moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Board Member Grow. The motion was carried (6-0).

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Draft Minutes from PARAB 03-09-2026 Special Meeting

Vice Chair Bresnahan moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Chair Fatt. The motion was carried (6-0).

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment.

E. PRESENTATION

1. Mobility & Parking Director Introduction (Felipe Lopez)

Note for the Record – This item was removed from the agenda during approval of the agenda.

F. REPORTS

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB)

There was nothing to report.

2. Council Liaison

Note for the Record – This item was removed from the agenda during approval of agenda.

3. Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)

a. OSAC Regular 02-23-2026 Approved Minutes

Director Rossi reported that the Bill Bauers Open Space survey results will be presented to City Council on April 7, 2026. The Board discussed property ownership behind the Dillon Mobility Hub. Director Rossi confirmed it is city property. Board Member Grow noted the potential to expand Fields Park to the south side of Fountain Creek and mentioned a bridge installation is planned.

G. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. Director's Report

Director Rossi stated that irrigation has been turned on and seasonal hiring is underway. Court resurfacing at Fields Park is scheduled for late July or early August with additional pickleball courts to be added.

2. Forestry Update for Tree Advisory Board

Neighborhood chipping for Zone 5 begins April 7, 2026. The Arbor Day tree planting is scheduled for April 24, 2026 at Fields Park. The Board suggested planting hackberries and fruiting trees for wildlife to replace fallen Cottonwoods. The goal is to plant 20 to 30 trees citywide. Director Rossi noted a dead beaver was found in a storm drain.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Mini-Grant Request / 5K Run for MSSD14

The Board discussed a \$1,000 request for the 5K run. Chair Fatt noted the "Fees in Lieu of Land" account balance is \$12,050. She recommended the applicant seek other funding sources in the future.

Note for the Record – Vice Chair Bresnahan recused, due to a conflict of interest related to his spouse serving as the event organizer.

Board Member McAllister moved to fund the 5K run for \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Board Member Khan. The motion was carried (5-0).

2. SOP Draft Update

Board Member Khan presented a training skills matrix aligned to Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) responsibilities. The Board discussed adding high-level training language to the SOP and additional resources to the PARAB webpage.

3. Draft New Mission Statement

The Board agreed to send mission statement ideas to Secretary Khan for future review.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fatt moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Bresnahan. The motion was carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

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