



# MANITOU SPRINGS OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

All upcoming OSAC meetings are scheduled to be hybrid,  
Zoom (remote) or in-person at Memorial Hall.

In Person: Memorial Hall  
606 Manitou Avenue

Manitou Springs, CO 80829

Remote: A link is provided on the City's Official Website at  
<https://www.manitouspringsgov.com/544/All-Boards-and-Commissions>

May 18, 2026

6:00 PM

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## A. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBER OPENINGS

1. No openings for regular members or alternate members.

## B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

## C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft minutes of OSAC 04-27-2026 Meeting

## D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

## E. PRESENTATION

1. Manitou Springs Garden Club - Pawnee Native Plant Pollinator Garden Update (121 Pawnee Open Space)

## F. REPORTS

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB) Update
  - a. Approved Minutes for PARAB 04-06-2026 Meeting
2. Director's Comments
  - a. Wildfire Mitigation Updates
  - b. Creek Walk Trail/Path Wayfinding Update
  - c. Trailhead Bike Rack Update

## G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposal for Disc Golf Course Extension - Fields Open Space (0 Beckers Lane)

## **H. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Trail System Maintenance
  - a. Tool Purchase and Tool Trailer Update (Paul, Dave)
2. Bill Bauers Open Space
  - a. Consider funding Environmental Impact Assessment (with a focus on wildfire risk) per City Council direction.
3. Black Canyon Open Space
  - a. Trail Work
    - i Update on 05-09 Volunteer Trail Workday (Paul)
    - ii Trail Closure Interference Report (Paul, Gillian)
    - iii RMFI Project and Future Volunteer Workdays
  - b. Master Plan Implementation
    - i Update from Director on Mobility Pathway and Trailhead Bridge Progress
  - c. Vision Quest Site
    - i Update from 05-07 site visit with Mike Maio to review proposed trail alignment (Dave, Paul, Gillian)

## **I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Review summer calendar for meeting dates - consider rescheduling any meetings with low attendance due to travel or summer plans.

## J. ADJOURNMENT

### **Committee Members:**

David Conley, Chair (03/31/2028)  
Paul Arlinghaus, Vice Chair (03/21/2029)  
Cassandra Bresnahan, Committee Member (03/31/2029)  
Judy Carnick, Committee Member (03/31/2029)  
Robin Kovats, Committee Member (3/31/2030)  
Anthony "TJ" Maltese, Committee Member (03/31/2029)  
Andrea Sutela, Committee Member (03/31/2028)  
Marion Ceruzzi, Alternate Member (03/31/2029)  
Sheryl Cline, Alternate Member (03/31/2030)  
Anthony Lane, Alternate Member (03/31/2030)

### **Staff and Liaisons:**

Carey Storm, City Council Liaison  
Gillian Rossi, Parks & Recreation Director

*No vacancies*

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

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Remote Meeting via Zoom  
April 27, 2026

**A. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBER OPENINGS**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL:**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT FOR ROLL CALL:**

Chair David Conley

1. No openings for regular members or alternates at this time.

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.**

Judy Carnick requested that an update on the Walton Property be added to the agenda.

Committee Member Sutela moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the Walton Property update. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Kovats. The motion was carried (6-0).

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Draft minutes of OSAC March 23, 2026 meeting

Committee Member Kovats moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Carnick. The motion was carried (6-0).

## **D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Sean McKeown, Manitou Springs Resident, spoke in favor of the Bill Bauers Trail and asked OSAC to provide a letter of support to City Council.

Steve Moll, Manitou Springs Resident, expressed interest in expanding the disc golf course to 9 holes by adding holes on the Fields Park Open Space.

## **E. REPORTS**

### 1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB) Minutes were attached

There was no discussion.

### 2. Director's Comments

#### a. Adopt-a-Trail Update & Trail Volunteer Email Group

A Trail Volunteer email list has been created and is being managed by Director Rossi. All OSAC board members can join the mailing list.

#### b. Open Space Fire Mitigation Update

Director Rossi reported that the Fire Mitigation Program is live. The webpage has been developed.

#### c. Black Canyon Open Space Master Plan Implementation Update

A meeting is scheduled with the City of Colorado Springs on Thursday, April 30, 2026 to discuss the mobility path to connect Black Canyon to El Paso Boulevard.

Director Rossi shared that a clean up event is scheduled for June 10, 2026 hosted by the Manitou Springs Police Department.

#### d. Creek Walk Wayfinding Update

There was no update.

#### e. Walton Property

It was reported that Dave Walton has requested a meeting in Mid-May to discuss trails on the Walton Family Property.

## **F. NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Bike Racks: Discuss installation at trailheads (Cassandra)

Committee Member Cassandra Bresnahan reported that bike racks were found by parks. She suggested installation locations at the Intemann Trail Head on Laguna Point and at the Iron Mountain Trail Head on Crystal Park Road.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

### 1. Trail Maintenance

#### a. Trail Tools Purchase: Request for funding (Paul).

Vice Chair Paul Arlinghaus shared that a city owned trailer has been identified that can be used to store and transport trail tools. A general list of tools was provided by Vice Chair Arlinghaus.

Committee Member Kovats moved to approve funding up to \$2,000 for trail tools. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Sutela. Vice Chair Arlinghaus abstained. The motion was carried (5-0).

#### b. VOC Trail Design Workshop:

Vice Chair Arlinghaus requested funding for himself to attend the Volunteers of Outdoor Colorado (VOC) Trail Design Workshop. This is a two-day course for designing trails.

Committee Member Kovats moved to approve \$100 for Vice Chair Arlinghaus to attend the VOC Workshop. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Sutela. Vice Chair Arlinghaus Abstained. The motion was carried (5-0).

#### c. Discuss Trail Workday Scheduled for Spring-Summer 2026

The Pikes Peak Trail Cats volunteer trail workday will be on Saturday, May 9, 2026

The board discussed Monday Trail Work Evenings every first and third week of the month, expected to start in June.

### 2. Bill Bauers Open Space: Direction from City Council, per 4/21 Meeting (Gillian)

Director Rossi shared that the City Council will revisit the open space on May 5, 2026.

Council Liaison Carry Storm requested a formal position from OSAC.

Discussion was held by Board Members, including statements of support for a trail by all board members except for Board Member Carnick, who stated a concern for wildlife and safety.

Committee Member Sutela moved to approve a letter of support for the Bill Bauers Open Space Trail. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Kovats. The motion was carried (5-1), with Board Member Carnick as the dissenting vote.

3. Black Canyon Open Space Trail Work

a. VOC Workday – April 4, 2026

40 Volunteers completed the realignment of a fall line section of Social Trail.

b. Manitou Trail CATS Workday – April 18, 2026

Vice Chair Arlinghaus shared that he lead a work session with Manitou Trail Cats which continued the work from the VOC workday.

c. Next BCOS Workday with Pikes Peak Trail CATS – May 9, 2026 (Paul)

Vice Chair Arlinghaus stated that he will lead a work session on May 9, 2026 with Manitou Trail Cats to continue the volunteer work.

d. 2026 RMFI Project Overview

Vice Chair Arlinghaus announced that Rocky Mountain Field Institute (RMFI) will be working in Black Canyon May 18, 2026 through June 5, 2026. The project scope in order of priority includes:

- a. Northwest Corner Trail Alignment.
- b. Wagon Wheel Connector.
- c. Climbing Trail realignment.

A volunteer work session will be scheduled.

4. BCOS Vision Quest Site – Adjusted Trail Alignment

Vice Chair Arlinghaus shared that the northwest corner trail alignment was designed to take into account a sensitive area. The trail will be located at least 100 feet from the site and there will not be any visibility of the site from the trail.

## H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider rescheduling May 25 OSAC Meeting to accommodate Memorial Day holiday.

The regular meeting was rescheduled to May 18, 2026.

2. Garden Club Update on 121 Pawnee Open Space Pollinator Garden.

There was no discussion.

3. Noxious Weed Mitigation Workshop & MHYC Project

There was no discussion.

## I. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Member Kovats moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Carnick. The motion was carried (6-0).  
The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

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## Pawnee Native Pollinator Plant Garden





**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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**Bike Locker**

**Average Cost = \$3000**



## Orange Bike Racks



- Coordinated by David Moorefield, a Manitou resident and mobility advocate.
- Color selected by Shelley Cobau, former City of Manitou Springs Public Services Director.
- Created by Jon Csakany, a local artisan.
  - Made from recycled bicycles, cars, and tools.
- Pieces of art.
- Not compliant with ADA standards due to design.



The “inverted U” bike rack is a preferred, compliant style.