



MANITOU SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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June 1, 2026

6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft Minutes from PARAB 05-04-2026 Regular Meeting

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

(Please limit your comments to 3 minutes)

E. REPORTS

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB)
2. Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)
3. Parks & Recreation Department
 - a. Director's Report
 - b. Forestry Updates for Tree Advisory Committee

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Shuffleboard Court Resurfacing
2. Letter of Support for the *Women's Freedom Museum Project* / Karin Verlo Rose

G. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Schedule July Budget Meeting

H. ADJOURNMENT

Board Members:

Danu Fatt, Chair (2/28/2029)
Tim Bresnahan, Vice Chair (02/28/2029)
Jehan-Ara Khan, Secretary (02/28/2030)
Christina Grow (2/28/2028)
Colin McAllister (02/28/2029)
Holley Murphy (02/28/2030)

Staff and Liaisons:

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

1 regular position and 3 alternate positions available

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
Remote Meeting via Zoom
May 4, 2026

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
Secretary Jehan-Ara Khan
Board Member Colin McAllister
Board Member Holley Murphy

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Board Member Colin McAllister (arrived at 6:10 PM)

1. One regular position available; three alternate positions available

There was no discussion.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Draft Minutes from PARAB 04-06-2026 Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Bresnahan moved to approve the draft minutes from the April 6, 2026 regular meeting as presented. 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. REPORTS

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB)

Chair Fatt requested that the arborist evaluate and remove a Chinese elm tree growing into the lilac bush near the playground at Soda Springs Park. Board Member Grow noted potentially dead trees in Wheeler Park and at the far west end of Soda Springs Park. Chair Fatt requested that Forestry Technician Reynard monitor both trees. Director Rossi confirmed she had noted them. Director Lopez noted a streetscape tree in front of the Manitou Brewing Company may not have survived.

1. Council Liaison

Council Liaison Storm reported that the Bill Bauers Open Space trail item would be returning to City Council the following day. The item had previously come before Council without 32 community letters and without OSAC's board letter of support. Both OSAC and PARAB are on record supporting the trail. Board members reaffirmed their support. Chair Fatt emphasized the board's preference for volunteer trail construction.

Note for the Record – Board Member McAllister joined the meeting at 6:10 PM.

Board Member Murphy asked how City Council weighs survey results against written testimonies. Council Liaison Storm noted that over 300 people responded to the survey and approximately 80 letters had been received, and that in her assessment the written letters had not overcome the survey results.

Director Rossi noted that a choke point on the trail requires an easement from an adjacent property owner, making construction inconvenient though not impossible, and that she would prefer to wait until the easement is resolved as it would affect the trail design.

Board Member Murphy asked whether a restroom facility was included in the Bill Bauers Park plans. Chair Fatt confirmed it was not, noting it would be a major capital improvement project beyond current funding. Director Rossi acknowledged it is one of the few city parks without a restroom and noted the possibility in conjunction with a future trail project.

2. Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)

a. OSAC Regular 03-23-2026 Approved Minutes

The approved minutes from the OSAC regular meeting of March 23, 2026 were included in the packet for informational purposes.

F. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. Director's Report

Director Rossi reported that two seasonal parks maintenance employees began work approximately one and a half weeks prior and are working on two pollinator garden beds along Creek Walk 4 near Manitou Avenue, with temporary fencing to protect new native plantings. Mowing and trimming have begun for the season.

Director Rossi confirmed the three-year organic lawn care contract with Clean Air Lawn Care covers Fields Park, Memorial Park, Schryver Park, and Seven Minute Spring Park. Fields Park is required under the contract as it is funded through the El Paso/Beckers Fund.

Board Member Murphy reported that the water fountain at Mabel Willie Park had been clogged with sand. Director Rossi confirmed staff addressed the issue and noted the long-term solution is to replace the sand surface with playground-grade mulch.

2. Update for Tree Advisory Committee

Director Rossi reported that 23 trees have been planted so far in 2026 across Crystal Valley Cemetery, Fields Park, the Creek Walk Trail, and Schryver Park, with a goal of 30 trees for the year. Species diversity is a key goal for 2026. Planting along Fountain Creek has also taken place for bank stabilization purposes.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mini-Grant Request / UpaDowna

Chair Fatt presented a mini-grant request from UpaDowna, a Manitou Springs-based nonprofit, for \$750 to support a three-month family-friendly hiking program from September through November 2026 on local trails.

Vice Chair Bresnahan moved to approve the mini-grant request of \$750 for UpaDowna. The motion was seconded by Board Member Grow. The motion was carried (7-0).

2. Funding Request – Trees for Library Park

Director Rossi requested \$1,500 from the PARAB urban forestry budget to purchase five trees for planting along the west side of Library Park. Approximately \$10,000 is allocated in the urban forestry budget for 2026.

Vice Chair Bresnahan moved to approve \$1,500 from the urban forestry budget to purchase five trees for planting on the west side of Library Park. The motion was seconded by Board Member McAllister. The motion was carried (7-0).

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Ownership of land between Dillon Mobility Hub and Fountain Creek

a. Proposed Pedestrian Bridge Location

Chair Fatt reported that she had reached out to Councilor John Shada to verify ownership of the land between the Dillon Mobility Hub and Fountain Creek. Director Rossi presented a map showing the land is owned by the Colorado State Highway Department.

Director Lopez reported that Kimley Horn has been engaged to assess the feasibility of installing a pedestrian bridge connecting the Dillon Mobility Hub area to Fields Park. A bridge currently located in Garden of the Gods has been identified as available at no cost. The northwest corner of the Dillon Parking Lot was identified as the optimal location. Feasibility and conceptual design is estimated at \$3,500, with construction estimated at \$100,000 to \$300,000.

Chair Fatt moved to recommend to City Council that the City of Manitou Springs pursue ownership of the strip of land along Fountain Creek adjacent to the Dillon Mobility Hub from the Colorado State Highway Department. The motion was seconded by Secretary Khan. The motion was carried (7-0).

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fatt moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Grow. The motion was carried (7-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

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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.

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. Director Rossi stated that the

Parks Maintenance team will move forward with bike rack installation at the suggested locations.

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 led 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 20, 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.

5. Walton Property

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

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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Proposal

Tall Timbers Tree Service

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City of Manitou

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#	Item	Description	Qty	Cost
1	Maple (Silver)	Stump Grinding Grind large silver maple stump along West fenceline of library property. Bring screen to protect chips from going over the fence to neighboring property. **Tall Timbers will call 811 to mark public utilities before work is done. CUSTOMER is responsible for marking private lines including but not limited to irrigation lines, drip lines, electric fencing, lighting wires, etc. Tall Timbers is not responsible for any unmarked lines.**	1	\$835.00

Subtotal: \$835.00
Tax: \$0.00
Total: **\$835.00**

 Signature

 Date

The price listed is valid for 60 days from the proposal date. Effective March 1, 2023: Payments made with a credit card will incur a 3.5% processing fee.

FIRST FRIDAY ARTWALK

SEE THE NEW POOL MURAL &
MEET THE ARTIST:

KATIE CURCIO



**JUNE 5TH, 2026
5-8PM**



Manitou Springs Pool
202 Manitou Avenue

Light refreshments will be served

Mansions Park Shuffleboard Courts

05/28/2026



May [REDACTED], 2026
Women's Freedom Museum
Manitou Springs, CO 80829

Subject: Letter of Support

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the Women's Freedom Museum proposal earlier this year when founder Karin Verlo Rose came before us to present her concept. What she described was a network of artist-created installations placed throughout Manitou Springs, each telling the story of a woman who changed the world. The board was unanimous in its enthusiasm.

Following that meeting, PARAB expressed its support for the project and recommended moving forward with site placement across public spaces in town. We do not often see projects that align so naturally with our mission to make public space meaningful for residents and visitors alike. This one does.

Manitou Springs will be the first city to host a museum of this kind. We think that matters, and we are glad to have played a role in making it possible.

Sincerely,

Danu Fatt

Chair
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
City of Manitou Springs