



**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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