

# Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting

March 9, 2017

4:00 – 6:00 PM

Headwaters at Currents, 600 Cregg Lane, Missoula, MT 59801

**Committee Members Present:** Eric Anderson, Rob Erickson, Alexis Gibson, Janet Krivacek, Bert Lindler, Anna Noson, John Smith (new member), Daniel Spencer, Deke Tidwell, Regan Whitworth

**Absent:** Gerhard Knudsen, Kevin Verlanic

**Others Present:** Elizabeth Erickson, Open Space Manager; Paula Fisher, Admin.

## Minutes

- Public/Guest comments on items not on the Agenda - none

### **Action Items:**

- Approve minutes from [February 9, 2017](#) meeting – Rob Erickson moved to approve the minutes as posted. Daniel Spencer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Discussion Items:**

Update on open space projects and other Parks Department projects.

- Kolendich property – City Council and County Commissioners approved at February 27<sup>th</sup> hearing.
- Johnson Rail Link property – City Council approved use of 1995 Open Space bond funds
- Deer Creek property – Property up for sale again.
- Fort Missoula – Grand Opening, April 29, 2017
  - Phase 1 - 2016 construction. Phase 1 is the new addition to Fort Missoula; it will be up and running 2017: Civilian Conservation Corp road, soccer fields, turf field, rugby pitch, pavilion and the Overlook shelter.
  - Phase 2 - 2017 construction. Phase 2 will be up and running in 2018. The softball fields will be renovated along with a new dog park, pickleball courts, playground and shelter.
- Need further discussion on purchasing conservation lands versus establishing an easement.

Update on Open Space Plan and Master Parks Plan re-write

The City's portion of the current 2006 Open space bond is almost spent down. Any new open space bond initiatives must be driven by citizens

### **Future items:**

April – Field trip and to a future potential conservation easement property in the Bitterroot River Maloney Ranch area. Fill out rough cut paperwork in the field.

April celebrate former member Ethel McDonald 15+ years of service on OSAC.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

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### **Submitted by:**

Paula Fisher

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