

Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)

November 8, 2018
4:00pm – 6:00 pm
Meet at 600 Cregg Lane
Missoula, MT 59801

Minutes

Present: Kristine Akland, Eric Anderson, DeAnna Bublitz, Robert Erickson, Alexis Gibson, Catherine Ipsen, Regan Whitworth, Deke Tidwell

Absent: David Cole, Bert Lindler, Anna Noson, John Smith

Guests: Sophia Cinnamon

Staff: Elizabeth Erickson, Molly Kelly, Cassy Gladwin

Action Items:

- Approve minutes from October 11, 2018
Catherine Ipsen moved to approve the minutes; DeAnna Bublitz seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Public/Guest comments on items not on the Agenda:

- None

Discussion Items:

- **Update on Open Space Planning Process**

Elizabeth Erickson provided a brief background of how the committee formed and announced that the open space stewardship mill levy and open space bond were elected in the 2018 General Election.

Elizabeth updated the committee on her involvement with the open space working group. The group has met the past two weeks with the goal to adopt a new open space plan for the City and County early next year. A final draft available for public comment should be complete by January 2019 with a proposed March 2019 adoption.

Elizabeth reviewed ballot language for the mill levy and bond. Each contained the same conservation categories from the 2006 open space bond with the exception of making improvements to lands previously acquired or designated as open space. The current selection process used to score proposed bond expenditures will need to be updated to reflect the new language/ category. New matrices could include, but not limited to the following: trailhead restoration, trailhead construction, bridge access, and entry point river restoration. Catherine Ipsen asked who is responsible for gathering project figures. Elizabeth shared there would be a collaboration between Parks and Recreation staff and organizations to define project scope of work, cost, funding requests, etc. Potential projects would follow the same public process as they do now.

Elizabeth provided information on the open space cornerstone mapping process. Developed in 2006 from land use planning documents the cornerstone map highlights geographic priorities for open space. An update to the cornerstone map is being worked on to include GIS information. Layers vary but include soil, farmland, state land, private land, irrigated land, wildlife areas, etc. The layers of data will assist in scoring potential projects in the land selection process. Meeting 2-3 layers of information on the cornerstone map will assist justifying viability for open space projects.

Future items

- Coming Weeks - review preliminary draft of open space plan
- January 2019 – Strategic planning and matrices work on OSAC Land Selection Process

Adjournment 5:08pm

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