

Missoula City Council Climate, Conservation and Parks Committee Minutes

February 15, 2023

12:00 PM

Council Chambers (in person) or TEAMS (virtually)

Attend in person: City Council Chambers, 140 W Pine, Missoula MT

Members present: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Heidi West

Members absent: Sandra Vasecka

Others present: Staff Present: Corena Maurer, Zac Covington, Haley Erickson, Claire Trimble, Donna Gaukler
Others Present: Eric Anderson

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes from February 8, 2023

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Anderson introduced himself as the Chair of the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC).

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Rattlesnake-Ten Spoon Winery Conservation Easement

Zac Covington introduced himself and shared a presentation for the Ten Spoon Vineyard and Winery Conservation Easement.

Zac discussed what the project would include.

Zac shared OSAC's support of this project.

Zac discussed how the proposed project aligns with city goals and objectives.

Zac shared the basics of conservation easements.

Heidi West asked about future land transfers.

Zac stated the easement would not allow for additional land divisions or permanent structures.

Kristen Jordan asked if public recreational activities would be allowed on the property.

Zac stated this easement would allow for access across the property.

Zac shared adjacent conservation, open space, parks and trails and surrounding land use.

Zac discussed wildlife on the property and a brief history of habitation.

Gwen Jones asked about housing goals in relation to this project.

Donna Gaukler discussed individual property owner rights.

Gwen also asked about the growth policy in this area and if the property owners have other options to achieve this goal if the city does not support the easement.

Donna discussed other options for the property owners if the city does not support the easement.

Amber Sherrill briefly voiced concerns about wildfire.

Mirtha Becerra asked about long term responsibility for the city.

Donna stated it would be minimal.

Mirtha asked for clarification about public access to the property.

Donna stated it would be access through the property

Mirtha asked about zoning and the tax benefits to the owners.

This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Set a public hearing for March 13, 2023 to consider a resolution to accept a donated conservation easement of the Ten Spoon Vineyard and Winery property of approximately 21.5 acres and a public pedestrian walkway easement as an addition to the city's current open space network, and approve expending up to \$40,000 of 2018 Open Space Bond proceeds to pay for associated due diligence, legal, transaction and other project-related costs.

AYES: (11): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (1): Sandra Vasecka

Vote results: Approved (11 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38pm.

Submitted by: Corena Maurer

City of Missoula Parks & Recreation