

OSAC INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Describe your **interest** in serving on the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC).
2. What are the **benefits** to the City and the public of having a citizen Open Space Advisory Committee?
3. Describe any **personal or professional expertise** you have related to acquisition or management of public open space, conservation lands or lands for parks and trails.
4. The City has approximately \$100,000 remaining of its \$5,000,000 share of the 2006 Open Space Bond. Missoula County voters also recently passed a new 2018 open space bond, the City's portion of which is \$7.5 million. Generally, how do you think the **Open Space Committee should** prioritize spending these limited funds?
5. Open space bonds state specific purposes for which the funds can be spent (e.g. protecting wildlife habitat, agricultural land, access to rivers, lands for trails, etc.). The 2018 bond also allows funding for improvements to open space land, such as reconstructing trailheads, improving or repairing trails, planting trees. **How should the City balance the variety of needs our community has related to open space?**
6. If appointed, you will be working on a public board that may have different opinions, perspectives or ideas about how to allocate limited resources. Can you provide an example of a time when you have had to **compromise, collaborate or deal with conflict** and what were the results of your efforts?
7. In 2018, City voters passed a \$500,000 open space stewardship levy to help cover costs of maintaining and managing conservation lands. How should OSAC consider additional future **management and maintenance** needs and costs associated with preserving open space lands?
8. Many conservation easements on family farms and ranches do not provide for public access. What do you think about expending bond funds to protect open space that will have little to no public access?
9. The City's open space ordinance requires that applicants provide full disclosure of existing or potential conflicts of interest. Having a conflict doesn't preclude appointment, but the information is required to be disclosed. Board members with actual or apparent conflicts of interest cannot participate in any manner in the board's review

of that proposal. Please tell the committee of existing or potential conflicts of interest in serving on the committee.

10. **OSAC** presently meets once a month on the 2nd Thursday from 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. Occasionally, more time is needed from members to help with a particular issue or event. Are you willing to devote the **time needed to attend meetings and work on committee activities**?
11. The City and County offer Board training twice a year. The training covers good governance, open meetings, public participation and right to know, ethics, conflicts of interest, bylaws, minutes, and parliamentary procedures. The City Council feels it is very important that all city board members attend this training. (Have you attended/will you attend) the training?
12. The success of OSAC depends on the active engagement and participation of its members. Are you able to commit to **preparing for and participating** in meetings and other activities, including **asking discerning questions and constructively participating in deliberations**?