

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA
HEADWATERS CONFERENCE ROOM
600 Cregg Ln.
Missoula, Montana
July 11, 2019, 4:00 PM**

I. Administrative Business

- A Roll Call—
Members Present: Danny Gundlach, Kristine Akland, DeAnna Bublitz, Charles Besancon, John Smith, Regan Whitworth, Alexis Gibson, Catherine Ipsen, Edward Monnig, David Cole, Rob Erickson
Members Absent: Eric Anderson
Guests: Jim Habeck
Staff: Donna Gaukler, Cassy Gladwin
- B Approval of minutes – June 13, 2019 Minutes
John Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as posted.
Edward Monnig seconded the motion.
The minutes were approved as posted.
- C Announcements—
Regan Whitworth provided information on an upcoming bike to barns event.
- D Public/Guest comments—
Jim Habeck shared his background and career in Missoula. He spoke on the topic of preservation and conservation.

II. Action Items

- A Review DRAFT 2019 Open Space Plan and make a motion regarding support or edits to the Plan
Donna Gaukler introduced the item and presented an updated draft of the plan that incorporated edits/comments from members of the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) and Park Board. Park Board members reviewed the draft plan on Tuesday, July 9th and their comments and edits were reviewed by members of OSAC.

The committee discussed if the document should be considered a strategy versus a plan. Donna reviewed the purpose of the plan and how it relates to the 2019 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails (PROST) Plan. The 2019 Open Space Plan will serve as a guide in the PROST planning region.

Kristine Akland – was this plan supposed to detail acquisition and bond approval process?

Alexis Gibson – no, this plan was intended to be separate from the 2018 Open Space Bond

Rob Erickson – yes, the plan is separate and acquisition and approval process will be addressed separately.

Donna Gaukler – the plan is a chapter of the PROST Plan

The committee discussed the use of the word “preserved” and “conserved” in relation to the plan. The committee agreed that “conserve” was appropriate.

The committee discussed adding an additional bullet on stewardship in Section IV . The committee discussed Figure 3. in Section 3. Part A. The committee agreed with Park Board that it should be moved to the Appendices. The committee discussed carbon sequestration and climate resiliency in Section VI.

Jim Habeck – is carrying capacity referenced in the plan?
The committee discussed carrying capacity of land
Donna Gaukler – carrying capacity will be addressed in the growth policy

Catherine Ipsen moved the Open Space Advisory Committee ‘Accept’ the 2019 Open Space Plan component of the Parks Recreation Open Space and Trails Plan as presented and reviewed and recommend forwarding the Plan to the Missoula City/County Planning Board, Board Of County Commissioners, and City Council for their Approval and Adoption as edited. Alexis Gibson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Donna Gaukler noted The Draft 2019 Open Space Place will move forward to the Planning Board for review in August. The City Council and County Commissioners will then review.

III. Presentations/Discussion/Updates

- A Open Space Program Manager Recruitment Update
Donna Gaukler announced interviews have been scheduled for Friday, July 19th and Monday, July 22nd.

Jim Habeck – will candidates be able to review the plan
Donna Gaukler – yes, the May 2019 draft is available online

- B 2018 Open Space Bond Projects and Process Overview
Donna Gaukler reviewed the 2018 Open Space Bond. Donna highlighted potential open space bonds projects; new trailhead at Waterworks Hills, Clark Fork River corridor, reforest open space lands. The Interlocal Agreement language for the bond will be ready for review in August.

Alexis Gibson – will the committee revise the scoring matrix to review potential projects?
Donna – yes, the committee will look at interlocal agreement language and begin that process

- C Open Space Ordinance Update
Donna Gaukler noted that a draft Ordinance will brought forward for review in August.

IV. Future or Held Items

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm
Submitted by:
Cassy Gladwin