

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 14, 2016
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Present: Rob Erickson, Gerhard Knudsen, Janet Krivacek, Ethel MacDonald, Anna Noson, Deke Tidwell, Kevin Verlanic, Regan Whitworth, Eric Anderson

Absent: Alexis Gibson, Bert Lindler, Daniel Spencer

Staff: Elizabeth Erickson, Paula Fisher

Guests: Five Valley Land Trust – Sara Richie, Jim Brown

Minutes – Motion to approve minutes from June 2016. Ethel moved to approve minutes, Janet seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Presentation Isbell Property: Five Valleys Land Trust – Sarah and Jim

- Open Space Bond Proposal 75 acres.
- Use City & County funds.
- Farmer Brad wants to protect specific soil and habitat zone plus agriculture area.

Located in Clark Fork River-Grass Valley Important Bird Area

- Identify key bird habitats – follow specific criteria
- Species of conservation concern - #'s reducing
- Brad's property is an area of continental importance – riparian area important for biodiversity.

Budget

- \$150,000 total request with ½ from City portion of bond and ½ County portion of bond, or \$75,000 from each entity
- \$20,000 Landowner donation

Rough Cut

City Open Space Bond – 2 step process

- Ensure it complies with the Open Space Bond
- Maintenance feasible
- Development pressure
- Fit in with Open Space cornerstone

Isabel Property

- No homes or historical buildings – generally no structures other than a pump house.
- Brad farms Isabel property but does not live there.
- Development potential – Fair value question; Unforeseen development threat?

Conservation Easement

1. Development or building potential within building envelope