

Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)

April 25, 2019

Field Trip to Bluebird – Grant Creek Property
600 Cregg Lane
Missoula, MT 59801

Minutes

Present: DeAnna Bublitz, Rob Erickson, Alexis Gibson, Daniel Gundlach, Edward Monnig, Regan Whitworth, Eric Anderson, Catherine Ipsen (for beginning of field trip).

Absent: David Cole, John Smith, Kristine Akland, Charles Besancon

Staff: Elizabeth Erickson

Guests: Pelah Hoyt, Lands Director, Five Valleys Land Trust

Action Items:

Rough Cut Initial Evaluation of the Bluebird – Grant Creek open space proposal. The committee toured the Bluebird – Grant Creek potential open space acquisition. The property would provide public access from Grant Creek Road to the north hills. It would protect scenic open space and views and vistas, protect important wildlife habitat, and provide public access for recreation in an area of Missoula experiencing increased residential and commercial development. The property is owned by Five Valleys Land Trust, and would come with a public access easement from Grant Creek Road.

The committee toured the property and then discussed the criteria in the “Rough Cut” evaluation form. The property received sufficient votes in support of moving to the final evaluation.

The committee voted on the following motion: I move that the Bluebird – Grant Creek/North Hills open space acquisition proposal moves forward past the “Rough Cut” evaluation and staff continues due diligence work to gather additional information on whether to bring a proposal for 2006 open space bond funding and final evaluation.

Danny Gundlach moved; Deanna Bublitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public/Guest comments on items not on the Agenda: None

Discussion Items:

Future items:

The remainder of the committee who were not able to make this field trip will tour the property for a second field trip on May 2nd.

Adjournment

5:35pm

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Erickson