

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

April 14, 2016
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Present: Eric Anderson, Rob Erickson, Alexis Gibson, Gerhard Knudsen, Bert Lindler, Janet Krivacek, Ethel MacDonald, Anna Noson, Daniel Spencer, Deke Tidwell, Kevin Verlanic, Regan Whitworth,

Absent:

Staff: Elizabeth Erickson, Paula Fisher

Public: Jim Habeck, Timothy Aldrich

Minutes – Motion to approve minutes from March 10, 2016. Anna, moved to approve minutes, motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: none

Introductions:

Welcome everyone, all in attendance.

Meeting Minutes:

Major points - OSAC members shared major how to conduct a meeting and note taking.

- 1) Meetings need to be open and transparent.
- 2) Any documentation produced needs to be available to the public.
- 3) Need conclusive decisions not based on process
- 4) Detailed discussions can meet as subcommittees; voting body can't meet informally.
- 5) Build public record.

Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribe – Grant

- Multiple paths - Dublin Gulch Road
- 331/2 miles – Section includes wildlife overpasses
- Five Valleys is providing support letter.
- Mayor – services, jobs, non-motorized access route
- OSAC or individuals provide support? (Trail a bit outside of mission).

Updates: Projects

- ❖ South Hills & Barmeyer Property – Cabin not located on public land was removed. Riparian area restored. Repay family for the cost of restoration.

- ❖ Five Valleys obtained – “The Nob” – the South Hills spur will have a connection Restore Nob it is very bare.
Connect to Rimel road (public portion of road).
City has and easement to the Rimel Property.
Put in a gate so there's no access to drive to the Nob.
Private land to the base of hill – no houses

Rimel – eventually decommission road

- ❖ Hillview Way – Reconstruction of Hillview Way sidewalk
Goal – Non-motorized trail up to Chief Carlo School
Also underpass at Moose Can Gully, use abandoned County right-a-way.
Underpass is part of Hillview Way reconstruction
Provide residents access to County land.
- ❖ Kolendich
County Commissioners’ Approved – Starting point for negotiations
Unknown – Bridge Clouse family owned part of it.
Selvage Company - (quick letter confirm no interest in Bridge)
- ❖ Bert Lindler – heard the solar panel deal fell through however another deal may have opened up.
- ❖ Island East of Cast Bridge – Morgan & Neil pursuing

Open Space Celebration – celebrating the 20 year bond, need to include accomplishments

Committee: Ethel, Janet, Bert plus County

Dates: Sept 8 or 15

Time: couple of hours

Alcohol: Donation – City can’t pay for it.

Invite: Kate Supley, former OSAC member

Celebration include: Food – maybe a food truck, music, celebration tie into the next bond request.

Marketing: Discuss with Becky Goodrich and Ginny Merriam

- Exhibits, maps, County comprehensive plan
- Open Space signs – include “Land Purchased 2006 Bond” (City Budget line item set aside for Morgan and more signs)
- Media outreach

Big Supporters:

- Mayor,
- Marilyn Marler,
- Iconic person who influenced the Open Space for a keynote speaker
- Confederate Salish Kooteneea representatives
- Doners – speakers
- Recognized Partners – 2006 to the present, easements purchased (Thank you flowers)

Put celebration into context with everything we’ve done

- Joint Meeting: Elizabeth will communicate for a joint meeting County Kayla Becker

Public Comment - create a timeline

- Comment box – list ideas for the future