

# Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting

April 12, 2018

4:00 to 6:00

Currents 600 Cregg Lane

Missoula, MT 59801

**Present:** Kristine Akland, Eric Anderson, DeAnna Bublitz, David Cole, Robert Erickson, Alexis Gibson, Catherine Ipsen, Bert Lindler, Anna Noson, Deke Tidwell, Regan Whitworth

**Absent:** John Smith

**Staff:** Elizabeth Erickson, Open Space Acquisitions Attorney; Morgan Valliant, Conservation Lands Manager; Paula Fisher, Administration

**Public:** Olivia Allen

## Minutes

**Public comment on non-agenda items:** none

### Action Items:

Approve minutes from January and February 2018.

Bert moved to approve minutes for both January 11 and February 8, 2018. Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Discussion Items:

**Introduce new OSAC members.**

### **Presentation on the City's Conservation Lands Management Program by Morgan Valliant, Conservation Lands Manager.**

Currently 3200 acres of park lands and 58 miles of trails that Morgan manages.

- 1) Park Preserves – Wildlife corridors, nature based.
- 2) Public Natural areas – Greenough, Bancroft pond
- 3) Urban Parkland – Catch all, McCormick, John Toole: maintain river corridor.

### Issues -

- Deferred maintenance and trail restoration challenges on Open Space parcels Morgan inherited.
- Homeless population along river corridor, pressure on Open Space budget.
- New acquisitions, the maintenance and upkeep costs are not built into the budget.

### New projects -

- Individual master plans are developed.
- New projects are easier to manage because trails, signs and parking are established before area is open to the public.
- New projects - Priority: South Hills Spur - Complete phase I and start phase II

## **Update on Open Space Planning Process**

There's approximately \$320,000.00 left in City's portion of Open Space bond.  
The last decade has been very successful.

Reevaluate City priorities

Next planning process in May with the City & County Boards.

Open – Parks, Space, Conservation and Trails

- State \$
- Federal Grants
- Donations
- Open Space Bonds

Sunday, June 3 Grand Opening Celebration of the South Hills Spur and the Barmeyer Properties.

Kolendich Property – working toward a spring/summer closing for the open space land.

**Adjournment: 6:00 pm**

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**Submitted by:**

**Paula Fisher**

City of Missoula, Parks & Recreation