

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ABBREVIATED MINUTES
March 13, 2014
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Present: Matt Barnes
Ethel MacDonald
Tim Aldrich
Jenny Tollfeson
Dan Spencer
Anna Noson

Absent:
Gary Knudsen
Mary Manning
Beth Hahn, Park Brd Rep
Bert Lindler
Adam Liljeblad
Gabe Millar

Also Present: Elizabeth Erickson, Open Space Manager; Scott Eggeman new FVLT project manager and Erin Focher, Missoula Parks & Recreation.

1. Approval of DRAFT minutes of February 13, 2014. Minutes were approved as submitted. Moved to approve as submitted
2. Public Comment – none
3. Announcements:
Mount Jumbo Closure – recommendation by Park Board to Park staff regarding enforcement of closure status on Mount Jumbo. Inability to enforce by police department. More comprehensive closure system, as well as system for education for closure. How to address enforcement in the future.

OSAC interviews: two group interviews, wanted to do all at once but didn't happen – group interview
Ethel MacDonald was re-appointed and Rob Erickson, Donald Tidwell – confirmation on Monday – will have them come to April meeting. Have a celebration at that time for outgoing members.

Greenough Park encroachments –

26 encroachments – letters were sent out

City came up with process to address the encroachment issues. If park is not maintained as natural parkland, revert back to heirs.

Market analysis completed and options include Market value – sample letter, not all landowners received the same options

Three options:

Easement options – pay 70% of property value – transfer with title

Permit – revocable permit - - non transferable

Remove and restore

Complex project, political, passionate about the park and property, trying to do fairly this is setting precedent.

Open space priorities

Elizabeth asked the committee for their input on where to focus her time and the committee wanted to be involved in the upcoming process.

Dan – it would be timely to have a map and when different parcel have been added and how to balance, the visual is helpful. Good to know that there is a master plan and purpose. Need connections out at the Fort.

Elizabeth – we can do a bigger picture when we have a strategic planning and yes need to know how to fill in gaps between the cornerstones.

Erickson –a big priority is connecting the Milwaukee trail – east to west from Milltown State Park to Mullan Road.
Discussion of property in Fort Missoula Area
Request to have Donna come to meeting with update on the Fort and that area.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

NOTE:

Great Cookies were served by Tim Aldrich.