

**Regular meeting on
December 18th, 2014
4:00 - 5:15 pm
Currents at McCormick Park**

Summary Minutes

Present:

OSAC Members:

Tim Aldrich - Chair
Deke Tidwell
Rob Erickson
Anna Noson
Bert Lindler
Kevin Verlanic, Park Board Rep
Jenny Tolfeson
Ethel MacDonald
Matt Barnes
Gabe Millar
Dan Spencer

Others:

Jim Habeck

Absent:

Gerhard Knudsen

Staff

Elizabeth Erickson

Approval of minutes of November 13, 2014

Moved to approve the minutes of November 13, 2014 as submitted.

Public Comment: Jim Habeck on October minutes.

Discussion of Accomplishments from 2014 and goals for 2015.

Recent accomplishment:

PEAS Farm – Elizabeth and other representatives from the City and Garden City Harvest worked with MCPS to get a 40 year lease approved. The City will sublet 10 acres to Garden City Harvest for farming and educational purposes, and manage the 3 acre playing fields for recreational uses. Many citizens attended the public meeting to speak in favor of the project.

Goals for 2015: areas to focus on include:

- Ethel – West Broadway river corridor for trail and land, neighborhood parks, Orange Street to Russell.
- Kevin – North 93 – West of the Bitterroot River, Blue Mountain, McCauley Butte to Hwy 93
- Gabe – Agreed that we need more along the Bitterroot River Corridor
- Bert – North Hills – to keep the viewshed and Elk Winter Range, and public recreation opportunities, would like to see a great trailhead with amenities and seasonal access to N. Sawmill Gulch.

- Matt – agreed with Bert – would like to see for the recreation opportunities; also commuter biking, maximize connections, maximize per user dollars.
- Dan – McCauley Butte – Buckhouse Bridge to connect to Maclay Flats
- Gabe – South Bitterroot – from Reserve to Brooks, also use partnerships to leverage funds; provide the benefits of the bike path for businesses
- Rob – Would like to show people what the open space dollars are providing for public access, wants connectivity for trail and recreation; Dream Big!
- Anna – look at “lost” properties over the past years and revisit. Get something in the Grass Valley. Look at transportation issues and partnerships
- Deke – work on a neighborhood trail to connect Bellevue Park
- Jenny – grown in understanding the value of accessible parks and open space near people’s homes, just as important as wildlands.

Adjourn for holiday gathering.