

Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)

May 9th, 2019
4:00pm – 6:00 pm
600 Cregg Lane
Missoula, MT 59801

Minutes

Present: DeAnna Bublitz, Alexis Gibson, Daniel Gundlach, Eric Anderson, Catherine Ipsen, David Cole, Charles Besancon, Kristine Akland

Absent: Rob Erickson, Edward Monnig, John Smith, Regan Whitworth

Staff: Elizabeth Erickson, Cassy Gladwin

Guests: Pelah Hoyt; Five Valleys Land Trust, and Bert Lindler

Action Items:

- Approve minutes from April 11th meeting
- Approve minutes from April 25th and May 2nd field trip meetings
Minutes approved as posted.

Public/Guest comments on items not on the Agenda

- None

Discussion Items:

- Final Evaluation of Bluebird-Grant Creek Open Space Proposal
Elizabeth introduced Pelah Hoyt, Land Director from Five Valleys Land Trust. Pelah provided background of Five Valleys Land Trust, its conversations efforts, and background of the Bluebird-North Hills property. Pelah provided committee members a handout of the area and aerial map indicating various land types in Missoula and how each is connected. The handouts highlighted property background, public benefit, budget of open space land funds request, and access connections the various land types offer.

The committee discussed the timeframe moving forward if approval to expend funds from the 2006 Open Space Bond is approved. The committee reviewed the 2006 contribution matrix and voiced support in moving straight to voting on the project proposal. Charles Besancon moved the committee not vote to complete the 2006 matrix and move straight to project proposal. Kristine Akland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kristine Akland moved that the City's Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) recommend to the City Council and Board of County Commissioners that the City expend up to \$450,000 of the City's portion of 2006 open space bond funds to purchase, in fee, the 124-acre Bluebird-North Hills property for addition to the City's conservation lands network. Catherine Ipsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Final Evaluation of 1505 East Broadway Trail Acquisition Proposal
Elizabeth reintroduced the trail acquisition proposal first discussed at the March 14, 2019 meeting. The parcel of land is slated to be sold for development, but a trail easement would ensure connectivity of the riverfront trail to Hellgate Park. The committee voted to move the project past the "Rough Cut" evaluation and review additional information for final evaluation by OSAC.

An appraisal of the parcel was conducted after March 14, 2019 meeting. Request up to \$91,300 in funds would be expended from the 2006 Open Space Bond if approved. Trail connectivity and feasibility both east and west of the parcel was discussed. Committee members asked that Parks, Trails, and Design/Development staff be consulted before moving forward with a motion. Final evaluation of 1505 East Broadway Trail Acquisition was tabled to the June 13, 2019 meeting.

Future items:

- None

Adjournment

6:05pm

Submitted by:

Cassy Gladwin