

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ABBREVIATED MINUTES
May 9th, 2013
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Present:	Adam Liljeblad	Matt Barnes	Absent:
	Ethel MacDonald	Dan Spencer	Gabe Millar
	Gary Knudsen	Tim Aldrich	Patrick Duffy
	Anna Noson	Maureen Bookwalter	Jenny Tollefson
	Beth Hahn, Park Brd Rep		Mary Manning

Also Present: Jackie Corday, Open Space Program Mgr, Morgan Valiant, Conservation Lands Mgr, Ryan Chapin, FVLT, Donna Gaukler, Parks Director, Kathleen Kennedy, CLAC, Chris Ryan, CLAC & Park Board, Bert Lindler, CLAC, Kristi DuBois, FWP, Jim Brown, Audubon, John Pierce, CLAC, Bonnie Buckingham and Annie Heuscher, CFAC, and Jed Whiteley, CFC

Fieldtrip to Property in the Miller Creek Valley

Jackie invited staff members of the Clark Fork Coalition, Five Valleys Land Trust, Audubon, Community Food & Agriculture Coalition and MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks to attend the fieldtrip in addition to CLAC members in order to have great in-put early on in the process about the conservation values present and land management issues. Bert Lindler, John Pierce and Jim Brown followed up after the fieldtrip with written comments sent to Jackie (who forwarded them to OSAC members). There is so much potential for wetlands and riparian restoration on the property and thus the CFC and likely several others will probably be interested in partnering with the City to make that happen. CFAC was there to assess the possibility of using about 80 acres of the pastureland for an incubator farm.

Before heading into the field, Jackie gave members the background on the property similar to what was stated at the beginning of the April 18th OSAC fieldtrip. We stopped at the bench where the shop and corral are located so that folks could see the large pasture area. We then headed to the southern tip of the property to walk along the Bitterroot River. We would have stayed longer, but when a gentle rain turned into a major downpour, we headed back to our cars.

We adjourned at about 6:00pm.