

Conservation Lands Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2016

4:00 to 6:00pm

Headwaters at Currents

600 Cregg Lane

Missoula, MT 59801

Clouse property

Committee Members Present: Terry Carlson, Giles Thelen, John Pierce, Carol Fischer, Kathleen Kennedy, Kevin Verlanic, Karen Sippy

Absent: Liz Bradley, Jen Heinsek, Aaron Olsen, Beverly Dupree, Chris Ryan

Staff: Morgan Valliant, Conservation Lands Manager

Public Comments:

- None

Action Items:

Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed

Motion: Giles Thelen moved to approve the November minutes, Bert Lindler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Conservation Lands Advisory Committee (CLAC) new parcel score sheets and City preliminary resource inventories for the South Hills Spur property were reviewed and discussed.

Motion: Carol Fischer moved to recommend that the Park Board designate the South Hills Spur Properties as a Park Preserve due to the exceptional diversity and quality of plant communities; use of the property by a variety of fauna; important viewshed qualities; opportunities for nature-oriented recreation; and proximity to future acquisitions/connectivity. Significant work to improve the trail system and access points is needed prior to opening the property to the public.

Giles Thelen seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously.

CLAC new parcel score sheets and City preliminary resource inventories for the Clouse property were reviewed and discussed

Motion: Terry Carlson moved to recommend that the Park Board designate the Clouse Property as a Park Preserve due to its status as an active riparian area along a free-flowing river, it provides good habitat on the valley floor, and it connects to a current Park Preserve (Tower St. Conservation Area) and may possibly connect to future acquisitions.

John Pierce seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

None

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by: Morgan Valliant