

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

December 2, 2009

10:35–11:00 am

140 West Pine Street

Members Present: Marilyn Marler (chair), Pam Walzer, Dave Strohmaier, Bob Jaffe, John Hendrickson, Dick Haines, Renee Mitchell, Ed Childers, Jon Wilkins and Jason Wiener, Stacy Rye

Members Absent:

Others Present: Jackie Corday

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Approve minutes.

Minutes of [November 18, 2009](#) were approved as submitted.

II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Update on the Open Space Projects ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Jackie Corday) (Referred to committee: 11/23/09)(**INFORMATIONAL ONLY, REMOVE FROM AGENDA**)

Jackie Corday provided an update to the Conservation Committee on open space acquisitions and conservation easements obtained the past five years. The update was to give committee members a perspective of where the open space bond money has been spent. Using a map Jackie pointed out the following properties purchases with the 2006 or 1995 Open Space bond money. The chart below indicates the property, number of acres, acquisition price, partners and type of land protected.

<u>Property</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Project Origin</u>	<u>Funding Partners</u>	<u>Type</u>
1) Kelly Island Addn	40	\$20,000	Landowner	FWP/owners	Riparian
2) Milwaukee Trail	1 mile	\$200,000	Parks/residents	CTEP/owners	Commuter trail
3) South Hills – C.E.	626	\$1,168,000	FVLT	FVLT/owners	Working Ranches/view shed
4) YAWLE E. Jumbo	59	\$31,000	Landowner	None	Hillside grass-lands/trees/view
5) Grant Crk Trail	3 miles	\$170,000	Residents	Residents/???	Recreation trail
6) Spooner Crk – C.E.	207	\$25,000	RMEF	County/owners	Ranch/riparian
7) Marshall (if approved)	216	~\$415,000	TNC	TNC	Hillside forest/riparian
	TOTAL	\$2,029,000			

1995 Open Space Bond Expenditures (since 2004):

<u>Property</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Project Origin</u>	<u>Funding Partners</u>	<u>Type</u>
1) McCauley Butte – C.E.	~300	\$28,000	FVLT	Owners	grasslands/view shed
2) Tower Street – Simon	40	\$40,000	Parks	None	Riparian
3) Tower Street – Stahl C.E.	80	~\$5,000	Landowner	None	Riparian
4) Lafray Park	1.5	\$234,000	Residents	CDBG	Neighborhood park

Jackie also pointed out some other areas which are being considered for either acquisition or a conservation easement.

Kim Williams trail – letter to MRL for an easement on Kim Williams Trail to continue trail.

Bonner Hill – behind the Bonner school –OSAC has scheduled a field trip to evaluate the proposed acquisition by the Bonner School of 120 acres. This would be the first grade school to own a working forest.

North Hills cornerstone – OSAC evaluation in December and working with Allied Waste and Five Valleys Land Trust for conservation easement on 300+ acres as part of the view shed and elk habitat.

Grant Creek area – working with Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to secure several conservation easements for view shed and elk winter range protection.

Mullan road – Grass Valley cornerstone – Mastel property conservation easement didn't go through but there is an opportunity for property adjacent to the Mastel Farm for conservation easement.

Council Grove – working to find a way to protect the 120 acres in this area.

Franklin to Fort – recent contact with MRL to complete Bitterroot Spur Trail and close the gap by Southgate mall. Also working on acquiring property at South and Johnson for a park in the neighborhood.

Discussion

Jason – this is a great legacy to leave for the future. My question is how much is a citizen paying for the open space bond.

Jackie - \$20 represented funding the total bond of ten million but combined with the County there has been less than two million spent thus far, which is equivalent to around \$4 per average household..

V. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

VI. HELD AND ONGOING AGENDA ITEMS - PER COMMITTEE CHAIR – Marilyn Marler

A. Support for City employee cash for Bus Commuters Program ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Ben Schmidt and Nancy Wilson) (Referred to committee: 08/24/09)

B. Consider an ordinance amending Missoula Municipal Code Title 8, entitled "Health and Safety," Chapter 8.28, entitled "Garbage and Rubbish" to provide for special management of garbage in specific areas within the City of Missoula where there is conflict with bears ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Pam Walzer and Urban Wildlife Subcommittee) (Referred to committee: 09/14/09)

C. Discussion on recycling in Missoula ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Pam Walzer) (Referred to committee: 10/26/09)

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.