

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

January 11, 2012

8:45–10:00 am

140 West Pine Street

Members Present: Dave Strohmaier (chair), Marilyn Marler, Adam Hertz, Bob Jaffe, Caitlin Copple, Dick Haines, Cynthia Wolken, and Ed Childers

Members Absent: Jon Wilkins, Mike O'Herron

Others Present: Interviewees for OSAC

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Approve minutes.

Minutes of [December 14, 2011](#) were approved as submitted.

II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Appoint four members to the Open Space Advisory Committee for the terms commencing January 26, 2012 and ending January 25, 2015. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Marty Rehbein) (Referred to committee: 12/05/11) (**REMOVE FROM AGENDA**)

MOTION: The Committee recommends Council re-appoint Jenny Tollefson and Gerhard Knudsen and appoint Gabe Millar and Matt Barnes to the Open Space Advisory Committee for the terms commencing January 26, 2012 and ending January 25, 2015.

There are four Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) terms which expired on January 25, 2012. A press release was sent out and there were four applications received for the committee. The committee interviewed all four applicants and after limited discuss moved to re-appoint Tollefson and Knudsen and appoint two new members, Millar and Barnes to OSAC. The following is summary of the interviews:

Gabe Millar – is the general manager of the Broadway Inn Conference Center. He would like to be involved in helping Missoula to become a better community. This committee offers an opportunity for greater input from the community on open space issues. It is important to have a large percentage of open space reachable by the community. Management, maintenance and public access should all be key components when acquiring open space. Millar has a degree in Recreation, Park and Tourism Management. He feels there should be a balance when considering conservation of lands and economic development.

Gerhard Knudsen has been an OSAC member for several terms and would like to continue to lend his expertise and time to this committee. He has served on the Planning Board and is very active in the Five Valleys Audubon Society. He feels it is important to continue to preserve bird habitat even though all types of conservation lands are important to preserve. OSAC does take into consideration public access, management and maintenance in their review of proposed properties for either easement or acquisition.

Matt Barnes is a civil engineer with Morrison-Maierle, Inc and is looking to find more ways to be involved with the community and specifically with recreation and land management. He grew up at the base of Mount Jumbo and understands the benefits of Missoula's open space. He has a variety of recreation interests and supports multi use recreation on public lands. His education and work gives him experience dealing with land use management.

Jenny Tollefson has been a member of OSAC for the past three years and feels she would be a more effective member due to her past experience. She has a background in ecology and land conservation and works daily with landowners on conservation issues with Five Valleys Land Trust. She feels planning is a key to the balance between land conservation and economic development. Jenny indicated she may only be available for one year as she may be out of the country next January.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA – to be discussed at the 01-18-2012 meeting

2. Update from Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Ben Schmidt and Marilyn Marler) (Referred to committee: 04/11/2011)

HELD IN COMMITTEE

1. Discuss the city's strategy to complete a boundary survey of Greenough Park. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 04/04/2011)
2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an amendment to the agreement with Territorial Landworks, Inc. (TLI) in an amount not to exceed \$136,702.37 for professional services, including engineering, surveying, and construction management for Project #PR 08-02 GCT, Grant Creek Trail, CTEP #STPE 8199(105). ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Shaw) (Referred to committee: 10/24/11)

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The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.