

# HELENA OPEN LANDS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## NOTES

January 12, 2010

Chair Mary Arnold called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

The December notes were reviewed and approved as presented.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

It was moved and seconded to nominate Mary Arnold for chair; motion carried unanimously. It was moved and seconded to nominate Sarah Carlson for vice chair; motion carried unanimously. It was moved and seconded to nominate Melissa Broch for secretary; motion carried unanimously.

### **REPORTS**

#### **PARKS & RECREATION REPORT**

##### **Natural Resource Coordinator**

Brad reported on the city commission's acceptance of the grant from DNRC for thinning projects on the east side of Mount Helena and the LeGrande project on the west side through the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The city will receive \$90,000 to do work on Mount Helena and \$15,000 to do an urban forest inventory on boulevard and park trees and will match with \$70,000 in city funds and \$35,000 in kind. There is no market for logs other than firewood and chips.

The city is about to get a grant for the Porter parcel purchase for the next commission meeting. PPLT is working on donation of the two Smilie lots and Alpine Meadows with a combined appraisal of \$1.2 million. Brad reported the archery range agreement is ready for the archers group and discussed work that would be done at the site. He also reported on the lots on Clarke Street and road to do a lot line relocation on Mount Helena as the trail is on private property with an adjustment elsewhere on Mount Helena.

Two winter burns have been approved and are ongoing with assistance from the Forest Service and other city employees.

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**WEED REPORT**

Greta reported on the workers comp requirement for the adopt-a-trail program and scheduling two events. If volunteers work on their own, there is no need to be covered. She suggested breaking the projects into districts rather than specific trails to determine costs better. Former smokejumpers have offered to volunteer and are qualified to do more work. The city received a RAC grant for \$5600 to treat Davis Gulch and archery range noxious weeds. There will be a new grant request presentation March 1, which will be focused on Mount Helena. New aerial photos will be taken this spring and will show the difference in thinning projects before and after.

**TRAIL REPORT**

Andy reported the group will talk about this year's trail projects at the next Trail Committee meeting.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES REPORT**

Getting ready to do a cultural resources survey in south hills this summer.

**FORESTRY REPORT**

Brad reported he is working with the Narrate Church on distributing firewood.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Duane Harp talked about offering assistance on the adopt-a-trail program. **BRAD: I REALLY COULDN'T MAKE OUT WHAT HE WAS SAYING, SO IF YOU WANT MORE INFO HERE, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO ADD IT! IT'S TOO DANG NOISY IN HERE TO PICK UP.**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** February 9, 2010

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.**

amending work plans for 2010-11, trails proposition,????????  
HCC ?????? What are preceding two items? archery range  
Mary encouraged everyone to read the open lands management plan for outdated or incorrect information. Brad noted the city's parks and recreation plan is currently being updated, and he added the open lands information.

Carol Kirkland  
Recorder