

HELENA OPEN LANDS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 13, 2014

Room 326, City-County Building

5:30 to 7:13 pm

Lois Olsen, chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30.

A quorum was present: Lois Olsen, Clint Morrison, Jane Kollmeyer, Dan Wirak, Craig McLane , Ann Gilkey (HCC), and Jim Philips.

(Note: staff Greta Dige attended the meeting from 5:40 to 7:13)

**Minutes:**

Wirak move to approve minutes from last meeting (April 8, 2014). Kollmeyer second motion. Motion passed.

**General Discussions:**

A general discussion of the open space located on the far west of Mount Helena near Old Chevy trail occurred.

Kollmeyer made a motion to keep this area as status quo (i.e. no changes to trails such as reroutes, or closures, or new trails be created), and make it more formalized if an easement can be made on private property. Philips second the motion. Motion passed.

A general discussion occurred regarding the approach for reviewing another open land's area (mainly trails).

It was decided that the next meeting will be in the field. It was agreed the committee will meet at the main parking lot of Mount Helena City Park at 5:00 on Tuesday June 10, 2014. It was agreed that the committee will observe the trails by heading up Prospectors Shafts trail and will do a loop. A variety of objectives were discussed, however, a focus on determining the need for signs will be the principal goal of the field visit. McLane noted he will not be able to attend the next meeting.

**Election of Officers**

Morrison nominated Wirak to be the Chair of the committee. Philips seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Wirak nominated Philips to be Vice Chair. McLane seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Wirak nominated Morrison to be Secretary. Kollmeyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **General Discussion Continued:**

Having now attended two meetings Gilkey asked about HOLMAC and its purpose and function. A general discussion occurred related to HOLMAC's history, objectives, and purpose.

### **Old Business**

Olsen noted she'll contact Ron Alice to follow up on the "encroachment issue". Possibly get a letter from Ron noting the status of the encroachment.

### **New Business:**

The committee discussed the draft of the "South Hills Trail Plan" prepared by Prickly Pear Land Trust.

Kollmery moved to state that HOLMAC generally supports the staff's comments regarding the South Hills Trail Plan, and if any individual committee members have specific comments that they can discuss those with Brad directly. McLane second the motion. All voted in favor.

### **Trails:**

Philips discussed a known trespass on the Rodney Ridge trail on the Hernes private property.

Philips noted that the Backside trail has approximately 100 trees that will come down on the trail due to beetle kill.

### **Weeds:**

The committee decided to meet separately sometime next week to be determined later.

### **Volunteers**

Philips noted that 14 people in the police volunteers will be training on June 10<sup>th</sup> near the airport. The following day, on the June 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 12 people will go through the practicum.

### **Funding:**

No report

### **Public Comments:**

None

Wirak moved to adjourn the meeting and Kollmeyer second the motion. Kollmeyer noted the committee was very thankful to Olsen for her leadership this past year while serving as Chair of the committee. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:13

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** June 10, 2014 at 5:00 in the field (meeting at the Mount Helena Park main parking lot)

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

Field observation of various trails focusing on the need for signs.