

HELENA OPEN LANDS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTES

February 9, 2010

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

The January notes were reviewed and approved with editorial comments deleted.

REPORTS

HOLMAC:

John noted the city is in the process of updating the parks, recreation, and open space plan and including the HOLMAC plans as an element.

Parks & Recreation:

Brad discussed his participation and preparation for the parks plan update and future update of the HOLMAC plans.

Natural Resource Coordinator:

The thinning crew started work on the 1906 trail. The LeGrande crew continues to work there. The city attorney is reviewing the DNRC grant. There was discussion of the archery club use agreement and potential work at the range. The DNRC ecosystem forestry grant would help treat some areas previously treated areas that have since failed. The HCC fair is scheduled for March. There was discussion of the trails map, and Brad requested the Wildlife Committee to study the effects of the trails on wildlife. He also noted the \$10 emergency assessment for open space maintenance will probably be continued to provide funding for future grant matches. He also reported on his presentations at the city commission meetings. There was discussion of potential fund raising.

Weed:

There was discussion about weeds coming out by the Winne water tank. Dawn announced there would be a weed pull in June. Greta discussed the adopt-a-trail program and the workers comp costs.

Trail:

There was discussion to make sure that PPLT coordinated its trail work through HOLMAC.

Cultural Resource:

Brad reiterated there would be a survey this summer for the FEMA grant.

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Wildlife:

Melissa reported on the first meeting of the new Urban Wildlife Advisory Committee.

Forestry:

Mary has attended city commission meetings when Brad has presentations showing HOLMAC's support. The Narrate Church has done an excellent job of getting firewood to LIEAP as well as several other volunteer projects they have done.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Who was from Prickly Pear? What was Dawn talking about? Eagle project?

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 9, 2010

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

parks plan update, archery range, culling, Greta does weed presentation March 2. \$5600 from RAC grant. All look at 2010-11 work plan

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Recorder