



**HELENA OPEN LANDS MANAGEMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes/Time Stamped Summary
October 11, 2022**



GENERAL MEMBERS

- Grant Jackson
- Lindsey Gilstrap

CITY-COUNTY PARKS BOARD

- David McGuire

HELENA CITIZENS COUNCIL

- T.J. Lehmann

CITY OF HELENA STAFF

- Brad Langsather, Open Lands Manager
- Heather Kahler, Recorder

ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS

- Helena Tourism Alliance Representative
- Andrea Opitz

PPLT REPRESENTATIVE

- Tim Lawrence

Meeting Date and Time: October 11, 2022 // 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: In Person at the City County Building Room 426 or Zoom

Zoom Recording Link:

Part 1:

https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/1UwRXdkETEFBtvZdqNWrM8p_qX63qyPdNFXs2PmJ7tGaszsl7cDXdkFwWorg49JV.0Dan-ROvkJnOi0fI

Part 2:

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Call to Order – **TS 09:26**

Welcome/Introductions/Visitors

- Tyler Wock joined the meeting

Minutes Approval – **TS 11:44**

- Lindsey motioned to approve the minutes, TJ seconded

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HOLMAC Action Items

- Elect a new HOLMAC Chairperson – **TS 11:51**
 - No Quorum so not able to vote on new Chair Person

New Business – **TS 12:40**

- Community Wildfire Defense Grant
 - Brad Lansather, Open Lands Manager has been working with the Montana DNRC to move forward with a final grant application with the Federal Government. DNRC is looking for a defined plan to execute the project. Open Lands has a five year plan where 1,050 acres will be approaching a ten year mark of work being done. This puts these acres at a place where they were ten years ago. The City's intent is to treat these properties every ten years so requesting funding for the next five years for a total of roughly \$800,000 where the City would match administrative time and hiring a contractual work force to complete the burn, treatment and piling. Open Lands needs around \$200,000 annually to complete these treatment plans so getting this grant will have a very positive impact.
- Mt Ascension Fence Construction and Trail Reroute – **TS 20:02**
 - Brad received a letter from a property owner adjacent to three trail systems on Mount Ascension. The concern is trespassing by people and/or dogs.
 - There were technical difficulties and the Zoom meeting had ended. We restarted and continued the conversation – **TS 00:30** from the second recording labelled Part 2
 - Brad met with the property owner on location and discussed the issues. The property owner request we look at the upper Easy Rider Trail and possibly relocating the trail. By doing this, some of the trespassing issues may get resolved. Brad showed the property owner some examples of trail relocations and fencing that were done in the past because of the same issue. There was a map shown that Brad had penciled in placement of a new fence. Brad said this process does not have to go in front of the Helena City Commission but does have to go through public process. Brad made HOLMAC aware that this project and the Upper Deford Project will be submitted for Public Comment together. The fence construction will begin soon. Further discussion continued sharing more of a timeline and details of fence construction and trail re-routing.
- Board Member Comments on Other Concerns – **TS 11:16**
 - Lindsey asked how the group is doing with Social Trails
 - Brad said Open Lands is working on a plan to present to HOLMAC on a trail report. Tyler has reason to believe this project can be completed by early winter.
 - Tim Lawrence from Prickly Pear Land Trust – **TS 15:26**
 - Reported that work in progress still continuing on Mount Helena

Public Comment – TS: 21:04

No public comment

Future Agenda Items – TS: 21:09

- Next HOLMAC meeting is on election night considered a holiday for the City. Members need to decide if they want to reschedule the November meeting or cancel it by emailing Heather.
- TJ asked about the Whites property project doing from a past field trip and how those trails are doing. Tim reported that all the trails are in and ready for the group to go check out.

Adjournment – TS 22:53

- TJ made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lindsey seconded, meeting adjourned.

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