

HELENA OPEN LANDS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 12, 2016

Room 326, City-County Building
5:31 to 6:56 pm

Wirak, chair, called the meeting to order at 5:31.

A quorum was present: Dan Wirak, Clint Morrison, Eric Sivers, Jim Philips, and Betsy Miller. Also, Nate Kopp with PPLT, and staff Brad Langsather.

Minutes:

Minutes from the December 8, 2015 meeting were presented.

General Discussions:

- Philips moved and approved the December 8, 2015 minutes. Miller seconded the motion with corrections. Motion passed.
- Wirak hand delivered some Community Forest grant support letters to Langsather which he gathered from a variety of groups and individuals.
- Langsather reported that the Lots/land did get transferred and finalized (see minutes from last month for further details).
- Community Forest grant involves two Lots (land) near the Arrowroot road to Eddie McClure. This will be submitted very soon.
- Langsather finished a first draft of the contract with the PPLT for trail maintenance. Langsather handed out the scope of services which is an exhibit to the full contract. Langsather went through the Exhibit, which included various trail construction and improvements, etc. See Exhibit for further details. Note: the costs included for each item are based on a \$17.50 per hour rate. Langsather and the committee went through each item in detail.
- Langsather discussed the tax reassessment which should be reconstructed and will impact Helena Open Lands. We're up about \$90,000 over where we were 7 or 8 years ago.
- Philips and Sivers reported on the trails committee. They noted that 2/18/16 had been set for the annual meeting of PPLT.
- They noted that PPLT also set the date for don't fence me in trail run 5/7/16.
- Philips spoke of an idea labeled as "peaks to creeks" for a large trail system that is outside the Helena center but ties into the Helena trail system.
- Philips asked that at some point the committee have a brain storming or strategic planning session that may encompass a large or far reaching vision.
- Sivers talked about PPLT may get 3 trail counters to see how much and who is using various trail.
- Morrison discussed possible new reporting tool. Langsather said he will bring something to the next meeting. He noted that the report maybe something similar to what he already submits to Parks, Recreation and Open Space director, Amy Teagarden.
- Philips moved to adjourn the meeting. Wirak second the motion. Meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 9, 2016 at 5:30 City County Building.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: