



CITY OF HELENA

Helena Open Lands Management Advisory Committee

January 10, 2023 - 5:30 PM

Zoom Online Meeting; <https://zoom.us/j/96044926800>

316 N Park Ave Room 426 Helena MT 59623

Zoom recording:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/EKG8PGlfxgk9xcb15ygnUsfxiNUDGErWKcRMTq1kNoWxQslvbS8oTLrD3peae1L0.tV5knqCZZLMtjOf>

Call to Order and Roll Call

- (00:01:50)** Roll Call was taken, and the following all responded present:
- Tyler Wock – Open Lands Assistant Manager
 - Heather Kahler – Parks Administrative Assistant
 - Brad Langsather – Open Lands Manager
 - Tim Lawrence – Prickly Pear Land Trust, Trails and Parks Coordinator
 - TJ Lehman – Helena Citizens Council Representative
 - Lindsey Gilstrap – Board Member
 - Doug Smith – Parks Director

The following members were absent:

- Grant Jackson – Board Member
- Ben Kuiper – Board Member / City County Consolidated Parks Board Representative

Members of the public present:

None

Minutes

- (00:03:41)** A. December 13, 2022

Regular Items

- (00:04:03)** A. Elect a chairperson
No quorum or nominations
- (00:05:00)** Presentation/PowerPoint
Social Trail Presentation by Tyler Wock, Open Lands Assistant Manager

Tyler presented to the group an explanation of what a social trail is, how they began, and the importance of evaluating and addressing them.

Tyler explained his ideas of how to address each trail by either adopting or closing based on his findings.

Tyler then presented maps of each area and was able to go over each trail individually.

Board members input their thoughts and ideas on how to help implement the trail closure project to the public and trail users.

(00:55:29) Public Comment
No public comment

(00:55:35) Board Discussion
Tim Lawrence asked what the next steps are. Brad Langsather said Open Lands staff would make an adoption action presentation to the HOLMAC group in fall 2023 following the City's procedures.

(00:57:05) B. Prescribed Burning Progress Report
Brad Langsather reported prescribed burning completed projects. Weather has impacted recent plans and no burning has been done. If weather and snow allow for safe burning conditions, then they will continue.

(01:00:35) C. Prickly Pear Land Trust Report
Tim Lawrence reported that the new map project is coming along.

Public Comment

(01:02:16) No public comment

Member Communications / Proposals for next Agenda

(01:02:45) TJ Lehman asked if the public comment on the trail restructuring is underway. Brad said yes, the public comment process is on the Be Heard Helena page.

Adjournment

(01:05:22) There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.