

**Open Space Advisory Committee
September 1, 2021**

Minutes

I. Call to Order

A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Courtland Nelson at 6:00pm.

B. Members present

1. Courtland Nelson, Chair
2. Steve Stevens (Zoom)
3. Woody Woodruff
4. Glen Lent
5. Jared Neal
6. Natalie Streeter
7. Katie Villani
8. David Carson

C. Non-Members present

1. Michael Henke
2. Cheryl Fox (via Zoom)
3. Wendy Fisher (via Zoom)
4. Larry Brown
5. Sandra Brown
6. Starr Stratford
7. Mayor Johnson

II. Regular Business

A. Minutes of August 4, 2021, meeting were read and approved.

B. Chairman Nelson welcomed Glen Lent as a member of the OSAC.

C. Public Comments

- a. Starr Stratford (Preserve Midway) updated the OSAC on the preparations for the Volksmarch on Sept. 18. OSAC will have members present to discuss open space with interested citizens and to promote open space preservation.

D. Mayor Johnson briefed the OSAC on recent action by the City Council to amend the letter of commitment to Summit Land Conservancy concerning the City's financial contribution. The City Council initially approved the OSAC recommendation of "up to" \$1.5 million in open

space bond funds to go toward the conservation easements to be placed on the tracts in the Mountain Spa area. When Summit Lands asked for a letter of commitment, it contemplated only needing \$1.4 million of open space bond funds and the Council's letter reflected that request. More recently, however, it became apparent that Summit Lands would need the entire \$1.5 million from Midway bond funds or risk losing the entire project. The Council unanimously sent an amended commitment letter pledging the \$1.5 million but did not have time to bring the matter before the OSAC before taking action.

- E. Cheryl Fox (Summit Land Conservancy) reported that the Mountain Spa transaction was scheduled for closing on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, and that everything was on track.
- F. Wendy Fisher (Utah Open Lands) reported that the Kohler Legacy Farm project closed. They are planning a special announcement on Sept. 17, 2021. She thanked the OSAC and Midway City Council for their patience and support for this project and noted that we all owe the Kohler's a huge thanks for their patience and generosity in the process. The family's contribution to this project was 30% of the appraised value.

III. Closed Session

The OSAC went into closed session at 6:35pm to discuss potential real estate transactions. The OSAC returned to open session at 7:35pm.

IV. Open Session

- A. A motion was made and adopted to hold a special meeting of the OSAC on September 15, 2021, to consider a potential application for open space bond funds from an interested landowner.
- B. Steve Stevens briefed the OSAC on the progress of the WOLB and the efforts to secure land for a park in Heber City.
- C. Natalie Streeter informed the OSAC that the subcommittee on smaller open parcels will be prepared to present their recommendations to the full committee at the October meeting.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.