

**Minutes of Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting  
February 7, 2018  
6:00pm  
Midway City Offices**

- I. Attendance
  - a. Committee Members Present
    - i. Natalie Streeter, Vice Chair
    - ii. Randy Gurule
    - iii. Kevin Stickleman
    - iv. Paul Tew
    - v. David Carson
    - vi. Woody Woodruff
  - b. Committee Members Excused
    - i. Courtland Nelson
    - ii. Jim Bryan
  - c. Staff Present
    - i. Mayor Johnson
    - ii. Michael Henke, Midway City Planner
    - iii. Brad Wilson, Recorder/Financial Officer
  - d. Guest Presenter
    - i. Steve Farrell, Wasatch County Open Lands Board Member
- II. Call to Order
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Vice Chair Natalie Streeter
  - b. The minutes of the January 3, 2018, meeting were approved.
- III. Regular Business
  - a. Report from Open Space Public Outreach Subcommittee on Open Space Forums was briefed by subcommittee chair David Carson
    - i. Objectives of the Open Space Forums
      - 1. Inform/Educate Midway citizens on open space issues
      - 2. Solicit actionable feedback from Midway citizens
      - 3. Invite/facilitate neighborhood discussions of open space issues
      - 4. Assist City Council in formulating a potential bond measure
      - 5. Maximize community involvement
    - ii. Organizing Open Space Forums
      - 1. Scheduling Options:
        - a. Single venue but with multiple meetings
        - b. Multiple venues
        - c. Subcommittee recommendation: Single venue with several meeting dates/times but remain flexible and respond to neighborhood or alternative venue invitations.

2. Publicize dates/times/locations via various media including website, public notice in paper, signs, etc.
  - iii. Conduct of Open Space Forums
    1. Inform attendees of State, County, and Regional context of open space issue.
    2. Facilitate discussion of perceptions of “open space”
    3. Discuss various options for acquiring and paying for open space
    4. Solicit public feedback
  - b. Presentation by Steve Farrell, Wasatch County Open Lands Board Member
    - i. Priority is to preserve open space by conservation easements on agricultural land
    - ii. Proposing bond measure between \$5million and \$10million; under present tax base measurements approximately 14% of bond would be allocated to Midway
    - iii. Goal is to present bond proposal to Wasatch County Council by 28 March.
  - c. Presentation by Brad Wilson, Midway Recorder/Financial Officer on basics of issuing municipal bonds to raise money to acquire open space
    - i. Open space acquisition would be under general obligation bond
    - ii. Process:
      1. Resolution adopted by City Council at least 75 days prior to election
      2. Ballot Proposition submitted at least 75 days prior to election
      3. Prepare objective arguments for and against proposition for dissemination to the public
      4. Distribute voter information pamphlet to public
      5. Measure appears on ballot and must be approved by majority of voters
    - iii. Property tax impact example
      1. Amount of bond: \$6,000,000 at estimated current rate of 3.5%
      2. Term: 20 years
      3. Annual debt service if all \$6,000,000 used: \$406,713
      4. Impact on taxes: \$36.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value.
  - d. Committee Discussion
    - i. The Committee conducted a brief discussion of the evenings presentations.
    - ii. No motions were presented, and no actions were taken.
    - iii. Focus of next meeting will be hearing presentations from non-profit groups who are active in open space preservation.
- IV. Adjournment
- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Audio recording of meeting is at:

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