

City Clerk Staff

From: Susan Waters <saswaters@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 4:39 PM
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: YES on Poten/Sponseller Ten Spoon Conservation Easement

Dear Missoula City Council,

Please support Connie Poten and Andy Sponseller's proposal to donate property at the Ten Spoon Vineyard and Winery as a conservation easement. The land is an irreplaceable wildlife corridor and supports the watershed. Public access across the property will serve as a vital connector for various trails in the Rattlesnake area. It is also a valuable piece of agricultural land that can be used for growing, not more development of mid- to upper-range housing, which will not address the real housing shortage anyway. Poten and Sponseller are generously offering this precious gift to our community. Please accept it and support the conservation easement.

Thank you.

Susan Waters
Missoula, MT

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From: George Gaines <georgecgaines@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 4:19 PM
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Ten Spoon Conservation Easement public comment

Hello,

I am writing to express my passionate support for the resolution to accept the donated conservation easement of the Ten Spoon Vineyard and Winery property and a public pedestrian walkway easement as an addition to the city's current open space network, and approve expending up to \$40,000.00 of 2018 Open Space Bond proceeds to pay for associated administrative and due diligence costs.

Maintaining this property in its current undeveloped condition is essential to preserve the wild character and biodiversity of the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area, the Rattlesnake Wilderness, the Rattlesnake Creek watershed, and the Missoula Valley at large. Habitat loss resulting from unchecked anthropogenic development is long proven in a colossal body of scientific literature to have large, consistently negative effects on biodiversity (see, e.g., Lenore 2003). The property in question is well-documented by both Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) and local residents alike to be used extensively as habitat by a wide range of species of wildlife. Moreover, the recreational value to the public of the addition of the easement and proposed trail to the City of Missoula's open space network is immeasurably vast—it greatly exceeds the modest sum requested from bond proceeds.

Human development in Montana is rampant. Our hunger to destroy Montana's few remaining open spaces and wild landscapes with subdivisions and condo buildings appears insatiable. The most pressing demand for housing in the Missoula Valley is for affordable housing. The multi-million dollar dwellings that would no doubt be built on this property in lieu of the proposed easement would do nothing to increase supply of affordable housing. The only real beneficiaries would be the wealthy out-of-state developers who built them. And ultimately, building of any kind on this parcel would destroy habitat, degrade recreation opportunities, consume open space, and add to congestion and safety issues. The willingness of Andy Sponseller and Connie Poten of Ten Spoon Winery to forgo the development value of this property to preserve a precious parcel of open space in a singular and already tragically overdeveloped drainage is heroic. It is in fact an staggering act of conservation, advocacy, and philosophy which, once finalized, should be communicated to the world as broadly as possible.

The open spaces that form Missoula's essence, and make it special, are disappearing rapidly. In my view it is the clear imperative of the Missoula City Council to honor to Open Spaces Advisory Committee's recommendation, and to accept the Ten Spoons easement and approve the \$40,000.00 bonds expenditure exactly as proposed, as soon as possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this public comment.

Sincerely,

George Gaines
Missoula, MT

In acknowledgement of the traditional, ancestral homeland of the Salish, Kootenai, and Pend d'Oreille Tribes.

References

Fahrig, Lenore. "Effects of habitat fragmentation on biodiversity." *Annual review of ecology, evolution, and systematics* 34.1 (2003): 487-515.

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From: Daniel Carlino
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 2:23 PM
To: Lesley Pugh; Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Re: MRA Board Meeting - March 16, 2023 Agenda

Thanks for sending me this agenda. I see that there is another \$711,000 going towards redeveloping a bank...

From: Lesley Pugh <PughL@ci.missoula.mt.us>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 2:09:27 PM
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site <Council@ci.missoula.mt.us>
Subject: MRA Board Meeting - March 16, 2023 Agenda

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From: Rob Young <rob@hunterbay.com>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:06 PM
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Ten Spoon conservation easement

Hello,

My name is Rob Young. I am the owner of Hunter bay Coffee here in Missoula and a long time resident of the rattlesnake. I want to express my implicit support of the ten spoon winery being put into a conservation easement. Keeping this space open and available to people is not only of the utmost importance but also integral to character of the Rattlesnake Valley.

Thank you

Rob
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Missoula Bench Builder <missoulabench@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:32 PM
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Ten Spoon Conservation Easement

Good Afternoon

I'm just submitting a comment about the Ten Spoon Conservation Easement.

I think more Easements through property to access natural resources for recreational use is needed. It would cut down on over crowded accesses and get more people outside. Thanks for your time.

Ryan Hollingsworth

City Clerk Staff

From: Marty Rehbein
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:06 PM
To: George Gaines
Cc: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: RE: Public comment inquiry

Yes!

From: George Gaines <georgecgaines@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:05 PM
To: Marty Rehbein <RehbeinM@ci.missoula.mt.us>
Cc: Grp. City Council and City Web Site <Council@ci.missoula.mt.us>
Subject: Re: Public comment inquiry

Thank you. Are comments submitted by email considered equivalently by the council as virtual/email comments?

On Mon, Mar 13, 2023, 11:59 AM Marty Rehbein <RehbeinM@ci.missoula.mt.us> wrote:

Thanks for reaching out! There are a myriad of ways to comment on this proposal.

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Phone Conference ID: 387 736 445#

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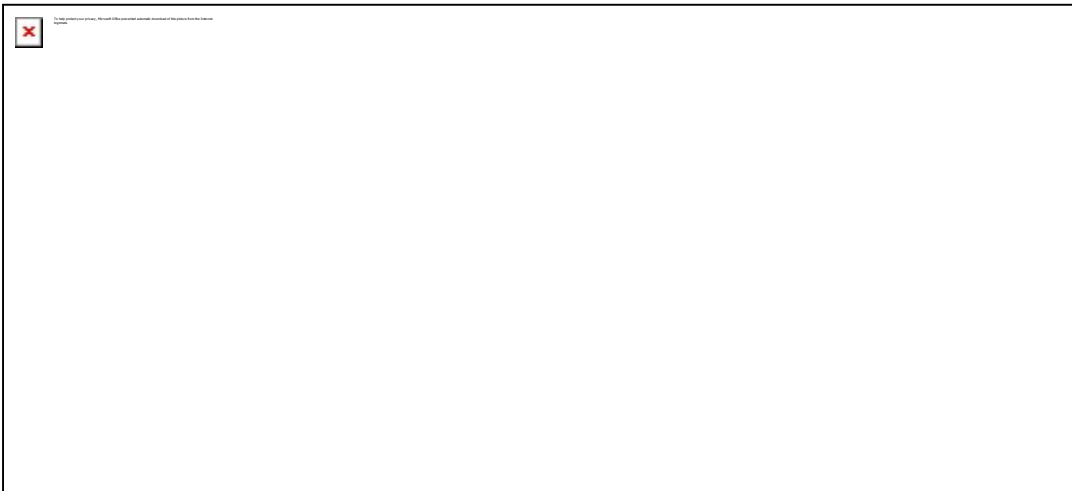
From: Steve <steve@faxmat.com>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 8:51 AM
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: LogoCarpet - USA

Hi,

May I send you our **2023** Price-List?

Thank You,

Steve
LogoCarpet USA
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Walnut Creek, CA 94596, United States
+1 925-592-3697



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From: Chris Ormesher <ormesherc@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 6:32 AM
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Re: Homeless

I'm just really sick and tired everywhere that I go in this town, especially downtown. For instance, I was down at the courthouse getting plates for my vehicle, and there is five or six homeless people sitting out in front of a business. The lady literally had to walk in between them because they wouldn't move now tell me that's not ridiculous. Like who do they think they are they think that they're entitled because they're homeless. So I have a winter gig where I work and then I do construction during the summer. There is a couple that is currently living in their car which whatever I'm not here to judge people. I'm just saying that there's more that you can do like if you're living in your car or living in the tent, work a little bit harder. Anyways, they both work with me and my boss came in and they were sitting down eating, and my boss came in and said if you're not working or if you have a shift this day or that day you're only allowed to sit and eat an hour before your shift or an hour after your shift sh She looked at my boss and goes well. We're currently living in our cars, so what do you want me to do? And I just wanted to tell her look lady like that's not my bosses problem that you're living in your car when my wife and I got together and we had our son. We stayed at my moms for think it was about five weeks until we went to the YWCA. We got a voucher for an apartment that we live in currently my wife went to college and at one point I worked two jobs so I could provide for my family. My wife is currently going to college again to be a nurse so it's like there's more that these people can do but they don't and I understand that there always should be some kind of assistance, especially you know for single dad's single moms people with disabilities I get that and I'm not here to judge those people with disabilities or war vets, but there are a lot of homeless people like I said that can work, but they choose not to and why do they choose not to because the city in Missoula babies them and gives them whatever they want. That's what the Paul Verela center is for so they can go have a free meal take a shower and sleep in a bed. We don't need the city in Missoula spending hundreds upon hundreds of thousands even millions of dollars the last 10 years that article I read millions so why are you spending my hard earned tax dollars to baby these people that can go out and get a job my opinion is is if you're going to have nonprofit organizations helping people try to get on their feet. They should be actively looking for a job and if they don't have a job within a certain period of time take them off the program like I just don't understand. I've done a lot of research on this and it's absolutely ridiculous. How bad the city in Missoula is I grew up here I'm 35 years old right now and I've never seen the homeless population in this town so bad so please the people in Missoula want a solution to this they don't want you guys to keep babying them. It's absolutely ridiculous and you're not the only people that I have emailed about this like the homeless camp underneath a Reserve Street bridge those people that built all those platforms because all the poor homeless people we don't want them sleeping on the ground that's not our problem that's their problem and they should go take a shower at the Paul Varela center. Go to the Salvation Army get a grant so they can go buy a night some nice clothes and go out and find a fucking job

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 13, 2023, at 5:54 AM, Chris Ormesher <ormesherc@icloud.com> wrote:

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