

Midway City (“Midway”) Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)
February 4, 2026
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

- A. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Courtland Nelson, at 6:20pm.
- B. Members Present
 - 1. Courtland Nelson, Chair
 - 2. Natalie Streeter, Vice Chair
 - 3. Steve Stevens
 - 4. Woody Woodruff
 - 5. Jared Neal
 - 6. Glen Lent
 - 7. Stefani Sanatar
 - 8. Deborah Farrell
 - 9. Nancy O’Toole
- C. Members Absent
 - 1. None
- D. Non-Members Present
 - 1. Katie Villani, Midway City Planning
 - 2. Brad Winegar, Preserve Midway
 - 3. Kevin Payne, Midway City Council
 - 4. Maryssa Fenwick, Utah Open Lands (via Zoom)
 - 5. Niko George
 - 6. Matt Reschke
 - 7. Quan Nguyen (via zoom)

II. Public Comments

- A. None.

III. Regular Business

- A. **Motion** by Steve Stevens, seconded by Jared Neal, to approve the meeting minutes from January 7, 2026, unanimously approved.
- B. Preserve Midway – Brad Winegar spoke to the committee in connection with the North Fields Bypass, reviewed Plan A and Plan B, and updated the committee on the UDOT meeting on the bypass held January 29th.

Steve Stevens and Matt Reschke also attended the UDOT Open House. They reported the main issues for residents were compromising farmland, wetlands

and the North Fields. They observed many people speaking to consultants and UDOT staff and described attendees as seeming angry about the option selection and some, such as Southfield residents, seeming surprised by the bypass selections and the use of eminent domain. An overwhelming majority appeared opposed to moving forward with the bypass as described. The comment period through UDOT remains open through March 9, 2026.

Courtland Nelson shared that the Olympic Legacy Foundation has morphed to Heber Valley 2034 and has begun meeting in preparation for the 2034 Olympics. Discussions included: the bypass, new county offices designed to be built across from the new high school), and the Olympics.

- C. Midway City – Katie Villani will be the staff representative to the OSAC moving forward. Michael Henke will continue to provide support and coverage, but staff believe it will be easier to have consistency across meetings.

Katie Villani updated the committee on the City Council meeting held last night where Andrew Osborne was appointed to City Council to fill the vacancy created when Craig Simons was elected Mayor. The City Council is reviewing the commercial zones, including approved uses, setbacks, etc.

Extending Midway's annexation boundary was discussed by City Council last year but paused when owners in the north fields filed an application for a feasibility study to form a new municipality called River View in the north fields. According to the County Clerk's office, that application has not proceeded to date due to the applicants' failure to pay the fee for the feasibility study.

- D. Open House: **The Midway Open Space Open House is scheduled for April 11, 2026, from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.** The Committee discussed outreach and the importance of inviting anyone who may be interested in preservation, including owners of small parcels. Steve Stevens suggested using Joan Gould, the communications director for the County, to aid in promoting the event.
- E. Update on Open Space Projects:
- Lundin conservation easement remains a work in progress.
 - Other projects are paused awaiting a resumption in federal funding.
 - The City is exploring whether it can transfer restrictions related to funding obtained many years ago from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for improvements around the Town offices to land owned by the City at Burgi Hill, which would keep the area recreational. The Hamlet easement would not work

for this purpose as the City does not own the land. The subcommittee looking at Cemetery Ridge will report at the next meeting.

- The Homestead is working with Summit Lands to place a conservation easement on the 19 acres of open space (on plat) near Turnberry Development.

- UDOT has awarded a contract for design engineering in connection with the Warm Springs Trail, to run from the Homestead Drive Trail at the Corner of Warm Springs Road, east along Warm Springs Road to Pine Canyon, then south along Pine Canyon to the existing trail along Pine Canyon near Cari Lane.

Separate spurs to run from Homestead Drive north along Snake Creek to the crossing for the Huber Grove Trail and running along Pine Canyon northward to the campground. Approximately \$1,300,000 in funds were awarded to Midway and the County by UDOT, with Midway and the County's match at only 6%. It is anticipated construction will begin in 2027.

- F. Utah Open Lands – Marryssa attended via Zoom.
- G. Summit Lands Conservancy – Unable to attend.
- H. Signs: The Committee continued discussions about signage to identify conserved parcels and reviewed sign and logo examples. The City would like to signs comply with code and be an example for others to follow. Jared Neal has a background in graphic design and will review signage. Jared Neal and Steve Stevens also thought this might make a good project for the CAPS program students.
- I. Wasatch County Open Lands Board – Steve Stevens advised there were discussions about Conflicts of Interest Statements for all committee members to file for the County. OSACs application of this concept would only apply to a committee member applying for a conservation easement, thus recusing your own vote on your matter.

IV. **Adjournment**

Motion by Stefani Sanatar to adjourn, seconded by Nancy O'Toole, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.