

CITY-COUNTY PARKS BOARD

MINUTES

September 5, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

11:36 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: M C Beeby, Dennis Peterson, Pete Brown, Melissa Lewis, John Carter. Art Butler and Jane Kollmeyer were excused.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Commissioner Derek Brown

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Amy Teegarden, Frosty Linjanen, Carrie Severson, Debbie McLarnon, Carol Kirkland

VISITORS

See attached list

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND REVIEW OF AGENDA

A quorum was present

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

The August 1, 2012, minutes were approved as presented.

PRESENTATIONS - Carrie gave an overview of a proposed county parkland dedication guide that will be given to development applicants to use as a checklist. Amy applauded Carrie's effort at creating the form.

ACTION ITEMS -

Silver Spur Major Subdivision parkland - Carrie reported the applicant did not provide the additional information requested. Staff had originally recommended the cash in lieu of parkland donation. However, she gave three options for the Parks Board to act on based on the lack of information and the potential for future development of more lots. **Dennis moved and MC seconded a motion to accept the proposed cash in lieu of parkland donation. Motion carried unanimously.**

Parks Board Guidelines - **Melissa moved and Dennis seconded a motion to adopt the proposed city-county Parks Board guidelines. Motion carried unanimously.**

County Park Naming Policy - Carrie explained how the proposed county park naming policy was developed and how it will be approved. **M C moved and John seconded a motion to accept the proposed county park naming policy after removing 'except for donation by virtue of subdivision law'. Motion carried unanimously.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

STANDING AGENDA ITEM: UPDATE ON PROPOSED PARKS DISTRICT

Carrie reported on her contact with the Gallatin Valley bond issue group for assistance with forming a parks district. Their

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help may eliminate the need for putting out an RFP for a consultant. Amy reported on a meeting with the Montana City Trails Committee and their support of the project. They planned to write a letter to the Jefferson county commission in support of the maintenance district.

REPORTS

CITY - Amy reported the city commission voiced its support at the August 15 administrative meeting of the tobacco-free opening of Centennial Park. 'Enforcement' would be done by an unenforceable resolution with tobacco-free signs at the park. Centennial Park is to be completed by October 15. Much remains to be done, and she recommends a formal dedication in spring 2013 as part of the Flag Day observance June 14.

COUNTY - Carrie is working with GIS inventorying county parkland and updating and adding information to online maps.

HOLMAC - There was no August meeting for lack of a quorum. Amy reported a partnership with Prickly Pear Land Trust for a grant for Mount Ascension. There is also another Land Water Conservation Fund grant to obtain a couple more parcels on Mount Ascension.

LINCOLN - Dennis reported several weddings at Hooper Park. He is looking into an irrigation system and putting in more trees for the park. He is still waiting for more information on the Montana Wilderness Society conference.

RECREATION - Debbie reported her staff has been closing down the pool. Pool revenue looks good this season. The two weeks of Swing and Splash worked well, and tennis revenue increased.

Kay's Kids attendance was up considerably likely from the addition of Fridays at Memorial Park. M C commended Debbie on her work and dedication. Amy added positive comments about Debbie and her staff.

MAINTENANCE - Frosty reported two tennis courts at Lockey and the basketball court at Lincoln were resurfaced. The trolley on the walking mall is about half completed, and the south connection of the well at Northwest Park is completed. Staff has begun to winterize the pool and irrigation systems and start assembling the playground at Skelton Park. The new bleachers at Kindrick-Legion field will go in Monday. The cover at the old farmers market across from the Holiday Inn is completed and should prohibit the pigeons from roosting there.

FAIR BOARD - Melissa reported no quorum at the last meeting. The board will be working on prioritizing capital projects. One of the 4H buildings has standing water issues. Fair numbers

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were generally down, and there was discussion on whether to have a Sunday event. A dog show is coming up, and there may be a booth to promote the dogpark. A roller derby event is scheduled October 13.

OTHER -

COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (BOARD MEMBERS)

M.C. thanked Frosty for attending Parks Board meetings and that the parks look good.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PERSONS PRESENT

Andy Baur of Prickly Pear Land Trust commented how important the work on the parks district is to the work it does.

AGENDA ITEMS -

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: October 3, 2012

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS: subcommittee for urban forestry; brand discussion; solicit stakeholders for amenities at Centennial Park

ADJOURN - 12:56 P.M.

Carol Kirkland
Recorder