

**CITY-COUNTY PARKS BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**August 1, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

11:38 A.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** MC Beeby, Jane Kollmeyer, Art Butler, Dennis Peterson, Pete Brown, Melissa Lewis. John Carter was excused.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Commissioner Derek Brown

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Amy Teegarden, Frosty Linjanen, Carrie Severson, Carol Kirkland

**VISITORS**

See attached list

**ESTABLISH QUORUM AND REVIEW OF AGENDA**

A quorum was present

**CONSENT ACTION ITEMS**

The July 11, 2012, minutes were approved as presented.

**PRESENTATIONS - none**

**ACTION ITEMS -** Carrie gave an overview of a request to name parkland in Sunny Lane Estates in memory of Paul Kleffner. The county has no formal mechanism to name parks but is not opposed to naming it. Jim Quillin said a volunteer has offered to make and donate a steel sign, so there would be no cost to the Parks Board. Derek said the county could provide posts for the sign.

**MC moved and Art seconded a motion to recommend to the county commission to approve naming the park in Sunny Lane Estates the Paul Kleffner Memorial Park and East Helena Kiwanis Softball Fields. Motion carried unanimously.**

Silver Spur Major Subdivision parkland - Carrie reviewed the proposal and noted the developer wants to make a cash-in-lieu of parkland donation. Another development is planned later at which time parkland would be dedicated. Staff recommends accepting the cash in lieu proposal at this time. **Jane moved and Melissa seconded a motion to table action until the September meeting pending more information on where parkland might be located and if the two lots unsuitable for residential lots could be a park. Motion carried unanimously.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS -** Amy reviewed the proposed Parks Board guidelines to make meetings more efficient. These will be considered at the September meeting.

(Amy - STANDING AGENDA ITEM OF UPDATE PROPOSED PARKS DISTRICT)

**REPORTS**

CITY - Amy reported on the proposed parks district and that she and Carrie hope to have a request for proposal (RFP) for a

planning consultant by the end of August. Amy reported she did not receive additional information for the mural. She reported the Foundation for Animals has agreed to serve as the fundraising and fiscal agent for the dogpark and hopes to have a site plan by October. Pool revenues have been above last year's, probably as a result of good weather this season. Rec Connect ridership numbers have been slack. At the August 15 administrative meeting, the city commission will discuss designating Centennial as a tobacco-free park.

COUNTY - Carrie is updating the county's parks, rec, and trail map and the transportation plan.

HOLMAC - Jane reported meeting on Mount Helena and looking at which social trails make sense to incorporate into the current system.

LINCOLN - Dennis reported a comment at a meeting on the lack of handicap access to the Hooper Park restroom. He and the county public works director made some modifications that may help. The flea market was successful, and the park has been busy. The Montana Wilderness Association is meeting in Lincoln September 21 and wants to rent the pavilion. M. C. complimented Dennis on the work he does as a volunteer.

RECREATION -

MAINTENANCE - Frosty reported irrigation and sod are in at the skatepark and being watered. Weed mowing and trimming of the parks are ongoing. Centennial may be turned over to the city the week of August 27. Soffit is being installed at the old farmers market location across from the Holiday Inn to keep pigeons from roosting.

FAIR BOARD - Melissa reported fair attendance was up on Thursday and Saturday and down Friday because of weather. The Fair Board has concerns about the tobacco-free policy for enterprise funds. A zombie escape fundraiser for Helena Industries will be held August 18. Future events are a boxing match, roller derby, dog event, and pow wow.

OTHER -

**COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (BOARD MEMBERS)**

M.C. thanked Frosty for being at meeting and parks look good.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM PERSONS PRESENT -**

**AGENDA ITEMS** - Silver Spur parkland, Parks Board guidelines

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:** September 5, 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

