

CITY-COUNTY PARKS BOARD

MINUTES

February 6, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

11:36 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Peterson, Melissa Lewis, John Carter, Jane Kollmeyer, Adam Kaupisch, Art Butler. M.C. Beeby was excused.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dick Thweatt, City Commission
Andy Hunthausen, County Commission

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Marr, Carrie Severson, Carol Kirkland

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND REVIEW OF AGENDA

A quorum was present. It was agreed to postpone discussion of the dog park sponsorship until Amy could be present.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

The January 9, 2013, minutes were approved as presented.

PRESENTATIONS - none

ACTION ITEMS - none

DISCUSSION ITEMS - none

REPORTS

CITY - Craig gave an update on phase 2 of Centennial Park. The dog park and bike park projects are moving forward as is fund raising for the playable playground. The kiosk and picnic shelter kits are ready to be ordered and are working on prices for the slabs for those. Amy is working with the Public Art Committee on art for the park. The park is getting a lot of use, and there have been complaints about dog waste and dogs running at large. Jane announced a dog park open house on February 12. Melissa announced the Zomb Prom fund raiser for the playable playground on February 16.

COUNTY - Carrie will be taking over the county parks budget from Nancy Everson and is currently reviewing it. She met with the county weed district on the weed plan as it relates to county parks. The weed district will inventory and monitor the noxious weeds on the properties. She mentioned a property in Lincoln that a conservation group wants to purchase and then turn over to the county that would allow access to the river. Discussions are in their initial stages.

HOLMAC - Jane reported updated trail maps are available. She also discussed private property contractors trespassing on Mount Helena Park and illegal trails on open lands.

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LINCOLN - Dennis reported the park is still closed and that he is working with a mining company on a donation for an irrigation system for Hooper.

RECREATION - Debbie reported the ice rink continues to do well and that she is working on budgets.

MAINTENANCE - Craig reported his crew is doing maintenance and flooding ice rinks. They are building Trex platforms for the garbage cans at Centennial and sprucing up bike paths. The arborists are grinding chips for playgrounds. The crew is bringing in benches for repair and painting and trimming park trees. Staff met with the Helena Softball Association on their use of the Centennial fields. The bike park group is working on plans, and parks staff is working with public works on securing dirt for the bike park. Melissa noted that if the bike park is certified, it would be one of three in the state and could bring competitions through the American Bicycle Association and also make it eligible for grants.

FAIR BOARD - Andy reported the board had hired a consultant to make recommendations on the multi-purpose building. Millings from the interstate will be placed on West Custer and the west gate of fairgrounds and Silsbee. Carroll College is moving along on a building project west of Centennial Park. He also noted a future mining project in Lincoln which could impact Hooper as to becoming more of a KOA-type park. He mentioned it may be time to start a visioning group of the parks and fair boards on the former state land at the fairgrounds.

OTHER -

COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (BOARD MEMBERS)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PERSONS PRESENT

Don Bartsch, Helena Girls Softball Association representative, discussed wanting to be involved with the Parks Board regarding future funding and projects and opening lines of communication. Darryl Rensmon also spoke about working on a future partnership. Andy explained the difference between how the county operates its parks and the city parks department's operation.

AGENDA ITEMS - Action item for dog park sponsorship; visioning for fairgrounds; mining project in Lincoln re: Hooper Park improvements

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: March 6, 2013

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ADJOURN - 12:20 P.M.

Carol Kirkland, Recorder