

CITY-COUNTY PARKS BOARD

MINUTES

January 9, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

11:36 A.M.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dick Thweatt, City Commission
Andy Hunthausen, County Commission

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Amy Teegarden, Craig Marr, Debbie McLarnon, Carrie Severson,
George Thebarga, Carol Kirkland

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND REVIEW OF AGENDA

A quorum was present.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

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

PRESENTATIONS - Barb Beck of Beck Consulting gave background on the firm. Barb and Tom Kohley reviewed their timeline for the projects they outlined. Anne Cossitt reviewed the financial aspects of the proposal. After a concern expressed about a park district not benefitting entities away from the Helena area, George offered this project could serve as a template for other areas and that there are costs involved in setting up a district which the requesting entity would need to shoulder.

ACTION ITEMS

Regional district planning consultant - **M.C. moved and Adam seconded a motion to move forward and select Beck Consulting as the regional district planning consultant. Motion carried unanimously.**

Kessler School Park kiosk funding request postponed for lack of response.

Members of the Sierra Park Board made a request for \$5934.58 funding from the county park development fund for baseball diamond improvements explaining the request is essentially a reimbursement for user funds that have already been spent. The reimbursement should help them for the next five years. **M.C. moved and Jane seconded a motion to approve \$5934.58 funding from the county park development fund. Motion carried unanimously.**

Babe Ruth request for \$40,800 from the county park development fund - This money is already allocated and is now being requested. The request is for replacing backstops and fencing

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part of the fields that are currently not fenced. Babe Ruth is moving forward with an automatic sprinkler system. This allocation is just for material; labor will be donated and the work done by the middle of March. **Jane moved and John seconded a motion to approve \$40,800 for Ryan Fields from county park development fund. Motion carried unanimously.** Andy questioned if there will be upcoming needs and there are, and Babe Ruth is in the planning phase for those. Andy also commented that old state property might come into play in the long-term future.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

REPORTS

CITY - Amy will prepare a memo report.

COUNTY - Carrie will prepare a memo report.

HOLMAC - Jane reported on the fuel reduction at the end of Beattie Street. Brad is working with public works on expanding the Mount Helena parking lot and which will be paved. She also reported the dog park is moving forward. Dick commended HOLMAC for tackling the social trail situation.

LINCOLN - Dennis reported the Lincoln chamber wants to have sled races as a means of generating revenue for Lincoln.

RECREATION - Debbie is working on the ice rink which is doing well and her budgets.

MAINTENANCE - Craig reported maintenance staff is working on equipment maintenance and maintaining the ice rink.

FAIR BOARD - Melissa is looking for someone who could go to meetings while she is busy. Amy offered to attend for January.

OTHER -

COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (BOARD MEMBERS)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PERSONS PRESENT

AGENDA ITEMS -Eagle Scout project

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: February 6, 2013

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ADJOURN - 1:05 P.M.

Carol Kirkland
Recorder