

**CITY-COUNTY PARKS BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**July 11, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

11:32 A.M.

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

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Commissioner Derek Brown  
Commissioner Dick Thweatt

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Amy Teegarden, Jeff Hindoien, Frank Rives, Frosty Linjanen, Carrie Severson, Carol Kirkland

**VISITORS**

See attached list

**ESTABLISH QUORUM AND REVIEW OF AGENDA**

A quorum was present

**CONSENT ACTION ITEMS**

The June 6, 2012, minutes were approved as presented.

**PRESENTATION** - Karen Lane and Brett Christian of the City-County Health Department gave a presentation on their tobacco-free parks survey which indicated support for tobacco-free parks. (handout)

**ACTION ITEMS** - Designating Centennial Park as tobacco free. Amy gave a recap of the discussion to date. Jeff Hindoien, city attorney, discussed enforcement and that law enforcement has concerns about enforcing a regulation. He suggested perhaps taking a softer approach than regulation to enforcement, such as a policy or signage. **Jane moved and Art seconded a motion to recommend to the Helena City Commission that they designate Centennial Park as a tobacco-free park. M.C. noted that Youth Connections also supported the policy. Motion carried unanimously.**

Grass Land II Parkland. Frank noted the developer wants to provide cash-in-lieu of parkland donation. The 42.46-acre tract would create 19 residential lots and one utility lot in phase 2 of the subdivision. The cash-in-lieu payment would be \$4217.40 and would accrue to the northeast valley park area. Staff recommends the Parks Board accept the cash-in-lieu donation. Jane had concerns about just taking the money and not having a

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place for kids to go. **Dennis moved and John seconded a motion to accept the staff recommendation to accept the Grasslands II \$4217.40 cash in lieu of parkland dedication. Motion carried 4-1 with Jane voting no.** George Theborge, the new county planning director, spoke briefly on the direction he will be taking the county planning department. He and Carrie Severson will be acting as the county's Parks Board liaisons.

Redevelopment of Sixth Ward Park. Amy noted there is money in the 2013 capital budget for redevelopment of the park as a community garden. Jim Barngrover of Helena Community Gardens spoke briefly on its mission. Ann Waickman of Helena Food Share spoke about its desire to find a new location for the garden.

**Art moved and Jane seconded a motion for the Helena Parks and Recreation Department to work with community partners to plan and construct a community garden, food forest, and complementary amenities for the Sixth Ward Park. Motion carried unanimously.**

Performance Square community mural. Amy noted the wall being considered for the mural is part of shared wall agreement that goes back to the 1890s, so nothing can be decided at this time. Commissioner Thweatt recommended that the contract with the artist require the artist to paint only what is presented to the public. Amy withdrew her staff recommendation because pictures of the proposed mural have not been presented. The Public Art Committee has approved the concept but has not seen the design.

**Jane moved and Art seconded a motion to table a motion to approve a mural painting project to be completed at Performance Square on the walking mall to the August 1 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Amy recommended the Parks Board Guidelines be deferred to the August meeting. She also reported meetings with Jefferson County and East Helena on the proposed parks district went well. The Montana City Trails group voted to send a letter to Jefferson County Commissioner Lythgo supporting trails. She also reported the Centennial Park playground obtained a \$56,000 grant.

#### **REPORTS**

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MAINTENANCE - Frosty reported trying to keep parks watered, mowing and spraying weeds, and also working on the decomposed trails. The crew is also working on planters on the walking mall, and the tree trimmers are on the streets.

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Amy STANDING AGENDA ITEM OF UPDATE PROPOSED DISTRICT  
**COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (BOARD MEMBERS)**  
**COMMUNICATIONS FROM PERSONS PRESENT**

**AGENDA ITEMS** - Performance Square mural

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:** August 1, 2012

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

**ADJOURN** - 1:00 P.M.

Carol Kirkland  
Recorder