

CITY-COUNTY PARKS BOARD

MINUTES

June 4, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

11:33 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Doyle, Dave Payne, Dennis Peterson, M.C. Beeby, John Carter. Jane Kollmeyer and Melissa Lewis were excused.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

County Commissioner Andy Hunthausen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Marr, Amy Teegarden, Liz Jones, Carol Kirkland, Greg McNally

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND REVIEW OF AGENDA

A quorum was present.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

The May 7, 2014, minutes were approved as presented.

COMMENTS FROM PERSONS PRESENT - Richard Wilson from La Casa Grande subdivision homeowners association in East Helena reported he takes care of the park in the subdivision. He would like to get new playground equipment for the park and is looking for a grant because of a limited budget. Andy noted there would need to be a parks development plan and that money is available in the county southeast park fund. Stacy Sommer will work with him on a plan.

PRESENTATIONS - Amy reviewed the upcoming plan for dedicating Mountain View Meadows Park on July 31. She asked for assistance from the Parks Board to help with some of the events as part of National Parks Month. Everyone is invited to attend. She also suggested having the July Parks Board meeting there.

DISCUSSION ITEMS - Andy reported on the county parks budget and that at least \$5500 needs to be cut based on Nancy's recommended cash balance. Either the \$6500 Babe Ruth requested could be cut, or cuts could be made elsewhere in the budget. He indicated that the Parks Board should recommend what it wants to cut in an action item at the July meeting. The parks maintenance funds are adequate to meet requests.

Standing Items: proposed regional park district: Amy reported the group has been working with the geographic information system office to determine the area of the parks district. A flat fee per parcel is being considered. Jefferson County has asked to have precincts considered. Tobacco-free parks update: Amy reported the health department is doing surveys and interviews to gauge awareness and acceptance of tobacco free at

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Centennial Park. There will be a summary report at the August Parks Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS - Motion to recommend the county commission allocate up to \$10,324 for ongoing projects at Sierra Park. **Approve, table, deny. Dave moved and MC seconded a motion to approve to recommend the county commission allocate up to \$10,324 for ongoing projects at Sierra Park if money is available. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to recommend the county commission accept the applicant's appraised fair market value for determining cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication for Lakeside Village on Hauser Lake Lot 2A amended major subdivision: Greg reported this action was just to accept the appraised value for the cash-in-lieu donation. The commission has already given preliminary approval to the subdivision. **Dennis moved and John seconded a motion to accept the cash in lieu. Motion carried unanimously.**

REPORTS

CITY - Amy noted the work activity at Centennial playground celebration on June 10 at 6:30 P.M. to dedicate the playground.

COUNTY - Andy noted the disappointment with the failure of the fairgrounds levy. There will be further discussions of what to do next. The plan that was prepared was a good one and may be part of moving forward in smaller increments.

HOLMAC -

LINCOLN - Dennis reported a busy Memorial Day weekend, but it went well. He introduced fellow board member Nyle Howsmon. MC expressed appreciation for everything Denny does at Hooper Park.

RECREATION - Liz reported Helena Housing Authority and East Helena both signed use agreements for Kay's Kids. The waterpark is being readied, and lesson signups are going well. ParkFit will be happening with two different fitness groups at Performance Square and Women's Park with free classes. She is working on a TV and radio ads for the summer programs.

MAINTENANCE - Craig reported there have been numerous issues with irrigation lines. The urban foresters are moving along with two crews and trying to keep up with work orders. He is also working on updating the tree ordinance which will be heard at the commission meeting June 9. His crew is working on weed spraying and building playgrounds, and work continues on the bike park. There are continuing vandalism issues at Memorial Park. He and Amy are also working on the Montana Trails, Recreation and Parks Association conference in Butte this fall.

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FAIR BOARD - Dave noted how hard the board worked to get the levy passed.

PLAYABLE PLAYGROUND - Stacy reported the playable playground is out of the fairgrounds but was accepted at East Helena in Kennedy Park with a Kaboom grant. There will be fund raising and work for late August or early September.

BIKE HELENA - Pat reported the free Trail Rider service starts tonight. The editor of a large biking magazine is in town covering a biking event this weekend as well as other events. August 16 is the brewfest in Memorial Park celebrating Helena's 150th birthday.

SCHOOL DISTRICT - John reported there were initial problems with the well at Capital High, but there are hopes to reduce the water bill between the school district and the city now that it is operational. There is ongoing discussion on the elementary bond issue meeting every Wednesday.

OTHER -

COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (BOARD MEMBERS - Dennis talked about the bike rodeo in Lincoln where volunteers fixed bikes as part of the safe routes to school program. John reported the National Association of Trial Lawyers provides free bike helmets as does the Helena Bike Club. Standing item: parks maintenance district; tobacco-free parks; Babe Ruth funding; Sierra Park funding request; county parks budget

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: July 2, 2014 (at Mountain View Meadows Park)

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ADJOURN - 12:49 P.M.

Carol Kirkland
Recorder