

CITY-COUNTY PARKS BOARD

MINUTES

July 2, 2014

Mountain View Meadows Park

CALL TO ORDER

12:11 P.M.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Marr, Amy Teegarden, Liz Jones, Carol Kirkland

The board made a brief tour of Mountain View Meadows Park.

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND REVIEW OF AGENDA

A quorum was present.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

The June 4, 2014, minutes were approved as presented.

PRESENTATIONS - Representatives from Robert Peccia & Associates gave a presentation on transportation planning including the non-motorized aspect.

DISCUSSION ITEMS Standing Items: proposed regional park district: Amy reported progress is being made on the project. She reported the Health Department is still doing surveys on tobacco-free parks. There was discussion about expanding the tobacco-free ordinance and general support. The city commission expects a recommendation from the Parks Board on expanding the tobacco-free ordinance.

ACTION ITEMS - Approve, table, deny recommending to the county commission adding \$6500 to the Babe Ruth baseball allocation: Jane moved and Pat seconded a motion to deny increasing the county parks budget based on an effort to balance the budget based on the county budget staff's recommendation. It was noted the Parks Board appreciates all the work the volunteers do, but it wanted to follow the county staff's recommendation for the county budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve, table, deny a motion recommending to the county commission the FY15 county parks budget. John moved and Pat seconded a motion to recommend to the county commission to approve the FY15 county parks budget. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

CITY - Amy reported the city's FY15 budget was approved. The Barney and Waukesha parks playground capital expenditure was

PARKS BOARD/2
July 2, 2014

approved, but the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant matching funds are currently on hold. City money is to be leveraged with the grant money to complete the project. The Centennial Park playground dedication went well. The Sixth Ward Garden Park project continues to progress. The Montana Trails, Recreation and Parks Association conference is being held in Butte September 16-18. The tree ordinance is currently on hold and scheduled to go back to the commission in August. July is Parks and Recreation month, so the commission will have a proclamation for it at the July 7 commission meeting. Alive at Five will be at Centennial Park on July 16 and will be a happy 150th birthday party for Helena featuring the Mission Mountain Wood Band.

COUNTY - none

HOLMAC - Jane reported 50 new signs have been installed generally on Mount Helena trails. A new trail has been extended to the Barking Dog trail. One sponsor has been secured for dog park mutt mitts, and she encouraged people to go to the dog park. The Helena Open Lands Ambassadors volunteer program has started.

LINCOLN - none

RECREATION - Liz reported all the summer programs started on June 16. She has had some Kay's Kids staffing issues but none at the pool. Lifeguard morale is good, and Hailey and Cody are doing a good job as co-managers there. There have been lots of tennis registrations. There is a skateboard mentors event at the skatepark July 16 and a free swim day July 19 sponsored by Jackson Orthodontics. July 31 is the Mountain View Meadows Park dedication. Van's Thriftway has been a big contributor to the Kay's Kids program, but she is looking for other donors and asked for suggestions.

MAINTENANCE - Craig noted the arborists have an abundance of tree work to do. Maintenance continues with its usual summer work in the parks. The city now has a certified playground inspector to do safety inspections. There has been a surplus of irrigation issues from the winter with irrigation line breaks. There will be a big dirt move at the bike park and then work nights every other Monday at the bike park.

FAIR BOARD - Dave reported the board has basically talked about the upcoming fair and long-term plans for the fairgrounds and the need to keep moving forward with future plans.

PLAYABLE PLAYGROUND - There will be a playground community build August 23 at Main Park in East Helena.

PARKS BOARD/3
July 8, 2014

SCHOOL DISTRICT - none

BIKE HELENA - Pat said there is an abundance of bike riders all over Helena, and the Trail Rider program is going well shuttling people to trailheads. For more information, go to bikehelena.com/events

OTHER -

COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (BOARD MEMBERS)

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: August 6, 2014 (Centennial Park shelter)

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS: tobacco-free assessment report;
La Casa Grande park playground

ADJOURN - 1:08 P.M.

Carol Kirkland
Recorder