



**CITY-COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
SUMMARY**
Wednesday, August 25, 2021



City Members

- Pat Doyle
- Steve Baiamonte *excused*
- David McGuire

County Members

- Jerry Blythe
- Alex Tommerup
- Nyle Howsmon (Lincoln Parks Board)
- Ernie Lundberg (Lincoln Parks Board)

Joint Member

- School District Representative

Commission Representatives

- Sean Logan, City Commissioner
- Jim McCormick, County Commissioner

Staff Contact

- Lindsay Morgan, Lewis and Clark County Representative
- Kristi Ponozzo, Parks, Recreation, and Open Lands Director
- Craig Marr, Parks Superintendent
- Kait Perrodin, Recreation and Aquatics Program Manager
- Jennifer Schade, Recorder

Join Zoom Meeting

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Visitor(s): Michael McConnell, City Community Development, Sharon Haugen, City Community Development, April Sparks, Jeremy Fadness, Ron Bartsch, Melanie Symons, Rick Sherwood, Derek Davis, Brad Langsather, City Open Lands Manager, Forrest Zimmerman, Sarah Perry, Bridget Waples, Dr. G, Dan Anderson, Randy Ranalli, City Helena Police Department, Liz Ulrich

1. Call to Order – 11:32 am

- The August 25, 2021 City-County Parks Board Meeting was called to order at 11:32 am.

2. Establish Quorum/Introductions/Review Agenda/Approval of Minutes

- A quorum was established.
- Upon review of the Agenda, Pat Doyle noted that we will begin board discussion on the West Side Parkland Dedication Presentation as the first agenda item.
- **Start Time : Jul 7, 2021 11:19 AM**
- Meeting Recording:
 - ✚ https://zoom.us/rec/share/NJuMSAx2rbFpz_3vO_QgvSBSqwJ9DHIwSjDMA3tfXwLaY-izE1X-Y4hcHn3n_MpX.io1t5ThhqZCkmonG
 - ✚ Alex moved to approve the July 7, 2021 meeting notes as submitted. David seconded. Motion carried.
- **Start Time : Aug 4, 2021 11:26 AM**
- Meeting Recording:
 - ✚ <https://zoom.us/rec/share/nWaZeSmG0QnjdT82f-iytOIHzLUHDrviCZ2YVv-yjEFm7G6CtOe9SQuVPd5Ylkl1.haECTn4-iU7HIha>
 - ✚ Ernie moved to approve the August 4, 2021 meeting notes as submitted. David seconded. Motion carried.

3. Comments from Persons Present

The board will accept brief comments from the public for items that are not on the agenda at this time.

- None.

4. Unfinished Business

- None.

5. Action Item(s)

West Side Parkland Dedication Presentation: Kristi Ponozzo, Director, Parks, Recreation, and Open Lands

ACTION ITEM:

STAFF PROPOSAL:

- **OBJECTIVE:** By state statute, the developer is required to dedicate a percentage of the subdivision for dedicated parkland. The West Side Subdivision proposes to subdivide an existing 58.85-acre tract into 94 single family residential lots and 4 multi-family lots. The

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subdivision also includes 4 open space lots, 3 of which will be managed by the HOA and not included in the dedication.

- **BACKGROUND:** There is one open space lot proposed to be dedicated with Phase 1 of the subdivision. The applicant proposes to dedicate the open space lot shown on the south end of the subdivision with the final plat of Phase 1, identified as Lot 12, Block 7. The lot is 4.49 acres. The proposed lot is located on the south end of the project site and is directly adjacent to existing City of Helena open space land and trail system that follows Hot Springs Drive/LeGrande Cannon Trail. The applicant proposes to dedicate the open space lot to the City of Helena to satisfy the parkland requirements for the subdivision.
- **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff generally supports acceptance of parkland dedication with concerns noted on the attached memo dated July 8, 2021.

Kristi Ponzozzo

- This item was on the August 4, 2021 as an Action Item. As there was not a quorum present, the board agreed to hold this special meeting in an effort to vote on the outcome of the West Side Parkland Dedication.
- Kristi reviewed the documents submitted at the August 4 meeting. She also included a copy of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2019; #76-3-621 // Parkland Dedication Requirement. Per #76-3-609, #4, MCA states:
 - ✚ The governing body, in consultation with the subdivider and the planning board or park board that has jurisdiction, may determine suitable locations for parks and playgrounds and, giving due weight and consideration to the expressed preference of the subdivider, may determine whether the park dedication must be a land donation, cash donation, or a combination of both. When a combination of land donation and cash donation is required, the cash donation may not exceed the proportional amount not covered by the land donation.
 - ✚ Kristi mentioned the LeGrande Cannon Trail portion would be approximately .9 acres of parkland dedication. The remainder would be 2.8 acres to meet the 3.33 acre parkland dedication requirement.
 - ✚ Brad Langsather, Open Lands Manager provided additional details about the trail corridor.
- Pat D then opened the meeting for comments from persons present. After hearing said comments, Pat asked for a motion on the issue.
- David moved to accept the trail as parkland dedication and the remainder as cash in lieu. Alex seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lincoln County Prosperity Project: Eric Grove and Karyn Good

- **ACTION ITEM:** Board to consider providing Letter of Support to the Delegation in support of the Lincoln County Prosperity Project.
 - Pat D stated he feels this is a great project and is in favor of providing a letter of support.
 - With no further discussion, Ernie moved to provide a draft letter in support of the Lincoln County Prosperity Project. Nyle seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

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6. Presentations/Discussion Items

- Pat Doyle, Chair of the Board – End of Term // September 30, 2021 Discussion
 - Pat Doyle’s term as Chair of the City-County Parks Board will end on September 30, 2021.
 - The board will be responsible to vote in a new Chair and Vice Chair.
 - Pat agreed to attend the October 6, 2021 meeting at which time we will nominate and vote on a new Chair / Vice Chair.
- Regional Parks District Update: Kristi Ponozzo
 - Nothing to report.
- HRSA / YMCA Updates: Representatives
 - Nothing to report.

7. Reports

City Parks and Recreation Director Report	Kristi Ponozzo, Director
City Parks and Recreation Maintenance Report	Craig Marr, Parks Superintendent
City Parks Recreation Manager Report	Kait Perrodin, Aquatics/Recreation Manager
County Report	Lindsay Morgan (or Representative)
Helena School District	Neal Murray (or Representative)
Helena Police Department	Lieutenant Randy Ranalli (or Representative)
BOARDS REPORTS	
Fair Board	Jerry Blythe
HOLMAC	David McGuire
Lincoln Parks Board	Ernie Lundberg / Nyle Howsmon

City Parks and Recreation Director Report – Kristi

- Nothing to report.

City Parks and Recreation Maintenance Report – Craig

- Maintenance is working on end of summer projects.
- The pool is now closed. We experienced higher numbers in attendance. Kait will provide a report at the October meeting.

County Report – Lindsay

- Lindsay stated the County will have three agenda items for the City-County Parks Board to review at the October 6, 2021 meeting.

Helena School District – Neal

- Maintenance crews are gearing up for the beginning of school which starts next week.

8. Communications and Future Agenda Items (Board Members)

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9. Next Meeting Date

- October 6, 2021

10. Other

11. Adjournment

- With no further business, the City-County Parks Board adjourned at 12:46 pm.

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