



HCC Full Board Meeting AGENDA

July 24th, 2024 7:00PM

Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82013308780>

or in person Room 326

7:00PM Call to Order

1. Attendance – Quorum established
2. Approval of June Full Board Minutes
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
Kevin League – Dust on Davis St.
4. City Commission Update

7:20 PM Officer Reports

Chair – Ben Kuiper

Vice Chair- Sonda Gaub

Secretary – Diana Hammer

Treasurer – Lori FitzGerald

7:40 PM Unfinished Business

Discuss HCC yearly calendar

7:45 PM New Business

Discuss and Vote on Davis St. Recommendation
Approve having new Agenda Item: District Reports

8:05 PM Commission Attendees' Reports –

1. 7/10 Sonda Gaub -
Discussions around the
Feaver Trail annexation and the potential to connect the trail.
Local ordinances for overnight camping and the city attorney will have an update at the July 15 meeting.
Report on the 10 mile creek fire was caused by a transformer.
In the works are the design and financing for the third fire station and no time frame has been implemented.
A Bond is being suggested for the staffing of the third Fire Station.
2. Presentations
 - The public hearing date was set for August 12 for the resolution No. 11093. The planning Division of the Community Development Department is updating the fees. There will be a roll out of the fees to buffer the cost jump from 1997 fees. There was discussion of fee waivers and reductions for affordable housing and how it could be regulated
 - Transportation System presented the 1st of the Capitol Traffic plan. The plan includes a one way circle pattern going clock wise from 6th(east bound traffic), Roberts (south bound), Lockley (west bound). This would accommodate angled parking with a bike lane. There was public comment from the down town business groups that a counter clock wise would favor visitors to visit downtown. A citizen commented that angle parking was a concern for biker safety.
 - Transportation System continued discussion on the Benten Turn lanes and present some projected costs. This will be voted on July 29th.
3. Department Reports
 - The Fire Tower Rehabilitation is seeking a rebid.
 - McHugh Recycling Bin removal plan will be a 30 day transition for residents with public signs.
 - Dissolving NMTAC Board discussion and Two board members from NMTAC want to continue.
 - 1st Presentation of the first draft of the Electronic Meeting Policies. The policy addressed all public meeting to be officially recorded with a time stamping, accountability of commissioners of in-person meetings. Addressing technical difficulties and procedures is also included in the policy. It was reported that the staff are in favor of the policies. There

was considerable amount of discussion around Section 9 that outlines the expectation of attendance of the commission. Through the discussion the section will have a revision. The second presentation will be on July 29th.

- A title clean up on the Property near the Armory for at Quitclaiming. The final owner will be Saint Peters Hospital.

7/15 Nancy Perry
7/24 Ben Kuiper

8:20 PM Coordinator Report – Peggy Benkelman

8:21 PM Outreach Committee Report – Emily Mowers

HCC Volunteers to attend these advisory boards/committees and give written updates

City-County Planning Board – John Andrew
Helena Public Arts Committee – Paige R. Myers
Non-Motorized Travel Advisory Council – Open
Citizen Conservation Board – Sydney Ausen
Solid Waste Master Plan Meetings – Denise R. Barber
City-County Library Board – Anna Kratz
Golf Advisory Board – Bob Schlack
City-County Consolidated Parks Board – Pat Bik
Affordable Housing Trust Fund- Pat Bik

July 10, 2024

City County Consolidated Parks Board

The North Star Park, an 18-acre area in the center of the North Star subdivision, is in project planning/public input stage, as described by Sanderson Stewart, park planners under contract for the project. Public comment is welcome. Planners considering use of artificial turf for high impact areas, which has an 8-10 year live span, generally.

Craig Marr reported that the pool is really busy and generally going well, with a few issues with pumps, etc. Also, the artificial turf has been installed at Legion Field, which helped considerably with the drainage after recent rains. The Civic Center tennis court renovation has been funded by the city. The next step is to contract for project specifications. Post-tension concrete is the most durable surface (lasting up to 50 years) and may be overlaid over existing asphalt without need for demolition. However, removal of present asphalt and replacement with asphalt is a less expensive fix, but lasts only half the duration. No final decision as of yet as to final design.

School District reported some damage at Warren School due to firecrackers and that Hawthorne School has a new climbing dome.

Prickley Pear Land Trust representative informed the Board that Prickley Pear Park south of the slag heaps in East Helena should be open to the public by the end of the summer.

Sean Logan reported that the city was going out for rebid on the Firetower restoration because the initial bidder from Vermont contractor wanted to remove the structure to another location to repair. The City is looking for restoration in place.

Affordable Housing Trust Fund

Discussed how to restructure applications for affordable housing, with just over \$1,000,000 currently available. The Trust Fund expects to receive about \$100,000 from the City annually. Members agreed that two cycles annually for loan applications, open for a longer period of time, using the same criteria for section. Applications are available at all times on website. Deadlines for applications will be October 15 and April 15.

Water Quality Protection Board – Diana Hammer
MPO – when meetings begin

9:00PM Meeting Adjourned