City-County Consolidated Parks Board Meeting Agenda

October 7, 2026 – 11:30 AM
City-County Building 316 N Park Ave. Room 426
Zoom meeting link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/qc6m-lL1SaO9fZRg8PaQ9A

I. Call to Order, and Roll Call
II. September 2, 2026 Time Stamped Meeting Minutes Approval
Meeting Recording Link:
III. https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/gAwxwqJfSAm2nyZhnzmpVaOCfXZD59aoBGfQsLlhCL2E0HAk89ck1VBwsbTZBl8.Zp80OaMWhajGrUOX
IV. Public Comment (Items pertaining to this agenda)
V. Unfinished Business
   a. No Unfinished Business
   b. Public Comment
VI. New Business/Action Items
   a. City of Helena Parks Masterplan Update
   b. Public Comment
VII. Reports/Updates
   a. City Staff
   b. Open Lands Quarterly Report
   c. County Staff
   d. City Commission
   e. County Commission
   f. Helena School District
VIII. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)
IX. Member Announcements / Proposals for Next Agenda (November 4, 2026)
X. Adjournment

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City of Helena

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Parks and Recreation **Master Plan**

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Purpose of the Plan

The Master Plan will guide City investment in Helena's parks and recreation system over the next 10 years. The Plan will:

- Update the City's 2010 and 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plans
- Identify community priorities and preferences
- Assess park and facility conditions to prioritize improvements
- Identify system strengths, gaps, and opportunities
- Guide continued delivery of high-quality recreation experiences

Parks and Recreation Master Plan
PROJECT TIMELINE

City of Helena

PHASE 1
Inventory & System Assessment

Spring 2026

Review and assess existing parks and recreation facilities and past plans and information to guide the Master Plan update.

Community Touchpoint:
- Stakeholder Meetings and Focus Groups

PHASE 2
Needs & Opportunities Analysis

Spring/Summer 2026

Analyze park and recreation needs to identify gaps and future opportunities.

Community Touchpoint:
- Community Survey
- Farmer's Market Pop-up
- Board and Commission Meetings

PHASE 3
Implementation & Action Planning

Fall 2026

Develop an action plan, including goals, policies, site recommendations, and cost estimates to guide future park decisions.

Community Touchpoint:
- Pop-up Events
- Online Prioritization Activities

PHASE 4
Master Plan Development & Adoption

Spring 2027

Prepare a Master Plan that brings together all community input, analysis, and recommendations.

Community Touchpoint:
- Draft Plan Public Review
- City Commission Adoption Process

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Ongoing opportunity for community members to submit comments and stay informed on the project and latest progress.



Engagement Overview

403
randomly selected household surveys

246
additional online survey responses

69
Farmers Market participants

4
focus group sessions

Statistically Valid Survey

Random sample of Helena households

Online Community Survey

Same questions as the statistically valid survey; open to the broader community.

Farmers Market Pop-Up

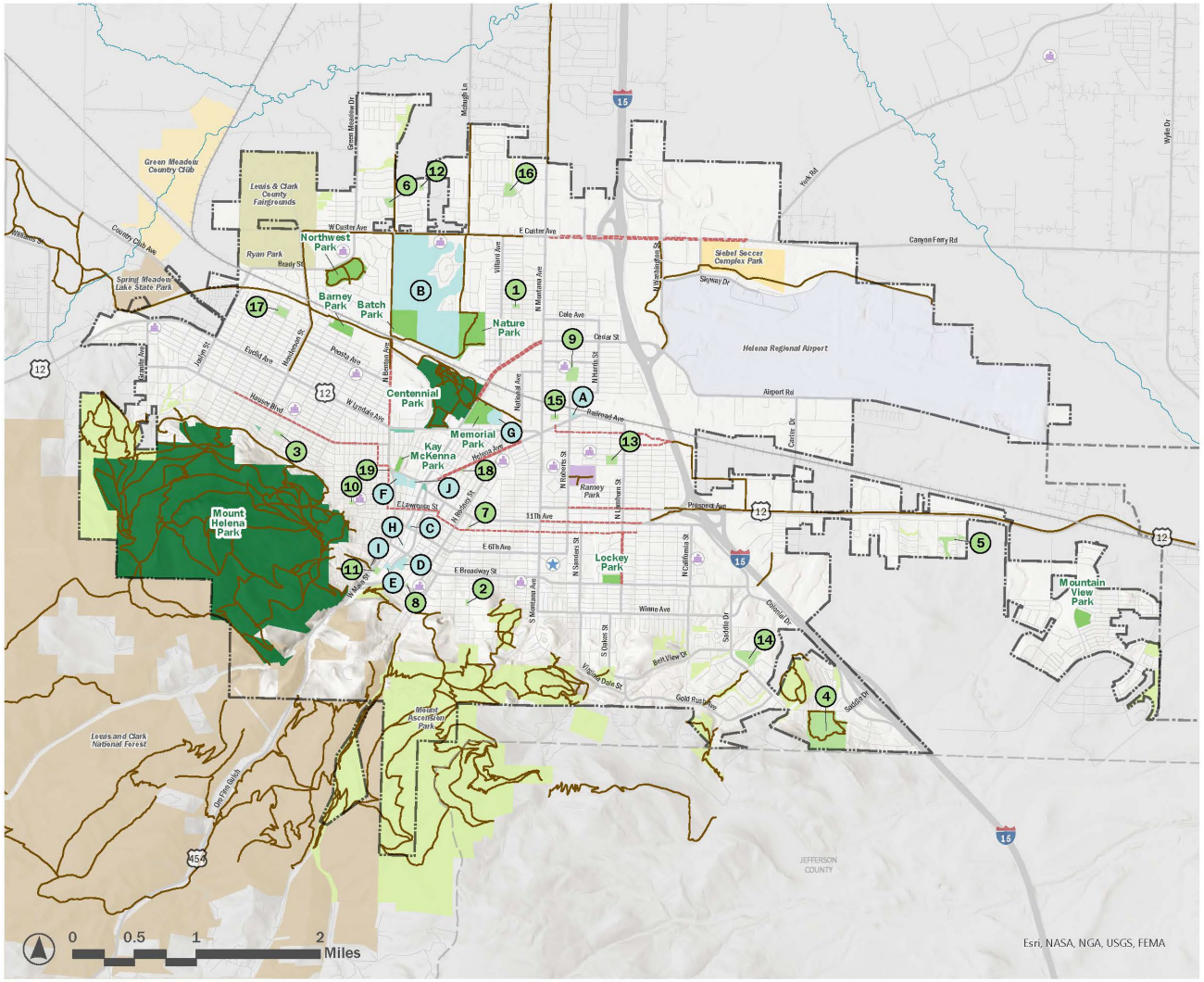
Informal, interactive outreach using dot-voting and conversations

Focus Groups

Two community sessions and two sports sessions.

PARKS & RECREATION Master Plan

FIGURE 1
City of Helena Parks
(and Surrounding Parks and Open Lands)



City of Helena Parks

- Regional Park
- Community Park
- Neighborhood Park

1. Cherry Park
2. Clinton Park
3. Cunningham Park
4. Donaldson Park
5. Janet Park
6. Jaycee Park
7. Kessler Park
8. Leo Pocha Park
9. Lincoln Park
10. Peanut Park
11. Pioneer Park
12. Pioneer Village Park
13. Robinson Park
14. Selma Held Park
15. Sixth Ward Garden Park
16. Skelton Park
17. Waukesha Park
18. Wesleyan Park
19. Yund Park

- Special Use Park

A. Beattie Park
B. Bill Roberts Golf Course
C. Constitution Park
D. Fire Tower Park
E. Heritage Park
F. Hill Park
G. Kindrick-Legion Field
H. Performance Square
I. Reeder's / Pioneer Cabin
J. Women's Park

Other City-Owned Features

- Open Land
- Greenspace (Beautification Area)
- City Trails and Pathways
- Bike Lanes/Routes

Parks and Open Lands Provided by Others

- State and Federal Lands
- County Parks and Fairgrounds
- Private Parks and Golf Courses
- School Parks

Base Map Features

- Helena City Limits
- East Helena City Limits
- County Boundary
- Roadways
- Railroads
- Streams
- Public Schools
- Montana State Capitol



The project team toured all City parks in June 2026



Field assessments document park condition


From major facilities to benches and trash receptacles

Next Steps

- Parks & Facility Needs Assessment
- Systemwide Recommendations
- Site Recommendations (Capital Improvements and Costs)
- Prioritization Process
- Action Plan
- Master Plan Development (Spring 2027)