



City of Helena

**CITY-COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
SUMMARY
Wednesday, June 6, 2018**



City Members

- Pat Doyle
- Ross Johnson
- Steve Baiamonte

County Members

- Dave Payne
- Nyle Howsmon (Lincoln Parks Board)
- Ernie Lundberg (Lincoln Parks Board)

Joint Member

- School District Representative

Commission Representatives

- Heather O’Loughlin, City Commissioner
- Susan Good-Geise, County Commissioner

Staff Contact

- Lewis and Clark County Representative
- Amy Teegarden, Parks and Recreation Director
- Craig Marr, Parks Superintendent
- Recreation and Aquatics Program Manager
- Jennifer Schade, Recorder

LOCATION: City-County Building, Room 426

TIME: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Visitor(s): Neal Murray, School District Representative, David Tortora, VISTA Volunteer, Lindsay Morgan and Samantha Neil, County Representatives, Tiffany Gardipee and Rosalie Petty, Warren School PTO Representatives, Carolan Bunegar, Helena Citizen’s Council.

1. Call to Order

- Vice Chair Dave Payne called the City-County Parks Board meeting to order at 11:33 am.

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

- A quorum was established.
- After introductions, Dave asked if there are any changes or additions to the agenda. None noted.

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.

4. Unfinished Business

- None.

5. Presentations/Discussion Items

Warren School PTO Presentation – Rose Petty and Tiffany Gardipee

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- The Warren School PTO has been working with Warren Elementary in an effort to improve the current playgrounds.
- The Warren Elementary School PTO is in the process of gathering funds to put in new basketball courts & hoops on the Warren Community Park/School grounds. The product that they want to install is an athletic tile that is polypropylene and can be customized to be the appropriate size as well as color and function. This tile is a multipurpose surface which is much safer than traditional concrete. Rose and Tiffany attached flyers for more information on this product.
- The PTO has secured one grant for \$2,000 which has to be used within one calendar year or it will be forfeited. The balance needed to complete the project is approximately \$43,000. They included the bids for the athletic tiles, hoops, and installation. They have received a bid for the concrete portion with a verbal agreement of about \$16,000.
- The timing of this project is sensitive in that it makes the most sense to pour the concrete this summer while the kids are not in school. The installation of the tiles is relatively quick in comparison.
- As this project is located on school grounds, the school board has been contacted and is in full support of the project. They did voice concern about potential maintenance needs and PTO is comfortable taking on that responsibility. To recap, the Warren School PTO is requesting funds of \$43,000 in order to complete the above-described project at the Warren Community Park/School grounds.
- Lindsay stated the PTO came to the county to make a request for park funds. Lindsay recommended to the representatives from the PTO that they make a presentation to this board on what they are requesting. Lindsay asked the board to provide thoughts/concerns.
- There were several comments about the product selected. Jennifer will include a link to the website for more information on the product.
- Lindsay will research the county rules on using cash in lieu funds for something like this. There may be a 50/50 match requirement.
- Amy then asked if the school district has contributed as a financial partner. While the PTO has not gone to the school district, the representatives at today's meeting stated they are willing to do so.
- Lindsay stated she will talk to Director and Legal Counsel about options. We must stay in compliance with state law. Susan indicated her support of this project and added that perhaps Amy and Lindsay can assist the PTO with a presentation to take to the school board. Dave recommended the PTO also review more grant options. Susan stated she will visit with Laura Erickson who is a grant writer with the county.

ACTION ITEM(S):

- **Please visit Sport Court of Montana for more information about the product the Warren Elementary School PTO would like to install. <http://sportcourtofmt.com/>.**
- **Lindsay will visit with her Director and Legal Counsel about potential options.**
- **Susan will visit with Laura Erickson regarding potential assistance with completing a grant application for the project.**

6th Ward Garden Park Presentation – David Tortora

“The City - County Parks Board’s mission is to promote investment in the development and maintenance of parks, recreation, trails and open space.”

- David Tortora provided a presentation on the 6th Ward Garden Park. This park has been a unique undertaking and collaboration among the City of Helena Parks and Recreation Department, Helena Food Share, Helena Community Gardens, Lewis and Clark County Public Health, Montana Conservation Corps (MCC), as well as residents from the 6th Ward Neighborhood and other Helena residents. The mission of the park is to “Grow a Garden park that connects people, food, and nature.
- Included in the presentation was a history of how the park began and where we go from here. For more information on the park and its amenities, or to see volunteer opportunities, please visit the website at <https://6thwardgardenpark.com/>.
- Amy encouraged everyone to visit the park.

6. Reports

City	Amy Teegarden	Parks	Craig Marr
County	L & C Representative	Fair Board	Pat Doyle
HOLMAC	Dave Payne	Playgrounds	Stacy Sommer
Lincoln Parks Board	Nyle Howsmon	School District	School District Representative
Recreation	Vacant	HRSA	Peggy Stringer

City Report - Amy

- Because our next meeting falls on July 4, Amy recommended we move the meeting to July 11. All agreed.
- The consultants from GreenPlay will be present at the next meeting and will present the results of survey and the draft results of Phase 1 of the project. They will also be making a presentation to both the City and County Commissions.
- Amy distributed a copy of the survey news release that was sent. A random sampling of residents (3,500 total) have been invited to take the survey. In addition, the city invites all residents to provide feedback and input through an open-link survey that will go live on June 15. (Please visit <http://www.helenaparks.org/open>). The survey will close on July 1.
- Helena Parks and Recreation is launching “Sasquatch Selfies” on Helena Open Lands. Sasquatch will be on the trails on open lands. We will send out weekly hints on where Sasquatch will be and will encourage community members to take selfies that will be posted on our Facebook page. We are hoping to encourage people to incorporate healthy living and lifestyles.
- The County Commission has approved a resolution be on the Helena Regional Trails Steering Committee. This was also approved by the City Commission two weeks ago. Amy met with the Jefferson County Commissioners and they are very excited about this committee as well.
- Parks and recreation are finishing budgets for the upcoming year.
- There have been many reservations this year. Thanks to this board, we now have a policy in place for the use of inflatable structures in city parks.
- Golf course expansion is nearing its end. We are hoping to take over Muni’s Grille by the end of June with an opening date of mid-July.

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County Report - Lindsay

- Lindsay did not have anything to add, however, she introduced the new County Planner, Samantha Neil. Welcome!

HOLMAC - Dave

- HOLMAC meetings will consist of field trips for the duration of the summer months.
- There is a new bridge at Aftershock Trail. There will be a dedication ceremony of the bridge in memory of Jim Phillips who was a long-time member of the open lands committee.

Lincoln Parks Board - Susan

- Susan stated they are moving along with the new bathroom project. The facility will be delivered the latter part of July.

Recreation – David

- Kays Kids and the pool staff are gearing up for the upcoming summer season. Kays Kids staff start Monday. They have been in training this week. Most of the Kays Kids locations are at capacity or close to full.
- Swimming lessons are filling up quickly as well.

Parks - Craig

- Maintenance department is working on weeds and irrigation.
- Staff is still working on the walking mall stream project.
- The Governor's Cup will be held this weekend.
- Maintenance did a service project with Helena Middle School. They painted the tunnel behind the library that had a bit of graffiti.
- We have picked up the pace with our urban forestry staff. We currently have 3 full time urban foresters and 2 seasonal employees. We just finished 9th Avenue and will begin work on Benton Avenue.

HCC - Carolan

- There will be a weed pull Nature Park on June 16 and will then re-coordinate with Greta on other opportunities. The weed pull has been advertised online.

School District - Neal

- Rositer students will be moving back to the school next week.
- District offices have moved to a new location. The new address is 1201 Boulder.
- The district has met with NW Energy representatives regarding a FEMA grant project. There will be lots of construction.

7. Communications and Future Agenda Items (Board Members)

- New proposal from Warren School

8. Next Meeting Date: July 11, 2018

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9. Adjournment

With no further business, the City-County Parks Board meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

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