



CITY-COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES/TIME STAMPED SUMMARY
Wednesday, September 7, 2022



CITY MEMBERS

- Steve Baiamonte, Chair
- David McGuire
- Benjamin Kuiper

COUNTY MEMBERS

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

JOINT MEMBERS

- Neal Murray, School District

COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

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

STAFF REPRESENTATIVES

- Lewis and Clark County Representative – Lindsay Morgan
- Brad Langsather – Open Lands Manager / Parks and Recreation Interim Director
- Craig Marr – Parks Superintendent
- Kait Perrodin – Aquatics and Recreation Manager
- Heather Kahler – Parks Administrative Assistant, Recorder

Zoom Meeting Recording from September 7, 2022

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Visitor(s):

- Randy Ranalli of the Helena Police Department
- John Andrew of the Helena Citizen’s Council
- Dr. G is a Member of the Public

1. Call to Order – TS: 01:42

2. Establish Quorum/Introductions – TS: 01:43/Review Agenda – TS: 03:53/Approval of Minutes – TS: 04:12 Ben moved to approve the minutes, Dave seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

- 09.07.2022 Agenda
- Meeting Time-Stamp Summary from August 3, 2022:
 - o <https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/42fX-12BZF4MJn7mwtwuJMJg56YG7LPfXrFZesGMvtO8NXTAIH6UBhInMhLCa0MN.vz24uJR7gfGzdNBn?startTime=1659547312000>

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3. Comments from Persons Present for Items Not on the Agenda – TS: 04:46

None

4. Unfinished Business – TS: 05:24

None

5. Action Item(s) – TS: 05:30

- ✚ Steve shared with the group that his final term is ending at the end of September so a new chair and vice chair will need to be appointed by the board.
- ✚ **TS – 06:17** Heather (board secretary) took a moment to go through each member and their specific terms to verify the accuracy to help determine membership availability and date/file clean up
- ✚ **Vote on New Chair – TS: 15:05**
 - It was determined by the board that they were going to vote on a new chair and vice chair during this meeting
 - **TS: 15:15** Alex nominated Dave McGuire for Chair, Nyle seconded
 - **TS: 15:36** Dave nominated Alex for Chair, Jim McCormick seconded
 - **TS: 16:09** it was determined that a secret ballot needed to occur voting either Alex Tommerup or David McGuire
 - The zoom members were tasked to send a message to Heather as their way of casting their votes
 - Recess was taken to tally votes – **TS: 22:51**
 - **Back to Order and Results of Vote – TS: 24:12**
 - Board voted for Dave McGuire to be Chair and Alex Tommerup to be Vice Chair
- ✚ **Vote on New Vice-Chair**
 - It was determined that during the casting of votes, the board agreed to have the member with the second highest votes to become Vice Chair

6. Presentations/Discussion Items – TS 25:20

- ✚ **By-Laws Review – Attached**
 - Point of having on agenda was to ensure each member had a copy of the By-Laws for their records to review and suggest any changes, revisions they would seem necessary
- ✚ **Member Terms Review –**
 - Occurred previously in the meeting **TS: 06:17**

7. Reports

- ✚ **County Commission Report – TS: 32:57**
 - Nothing to report specifically

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- County Commissioner Jim McCormick did share some things the county has been discussing as of recently
 - The excellent response and cooperation of first responders and other departments involved in the Mount Helena fire

City Commission Report – TS: 33:43

- Commissioner Sean Logan shared some topics going on in the City currently and a discussion is underway of how they are going to spend the ARPA Funding
- Discussion continued about the process of both the City and County ARPA Funding requests from City/County Departments and the general public
- Prickly Pear Land Trust (PPLT) Update:
 - PPLT previously had presented a request to the City/County Parks Board to poll the tax payers of Lewis and Clark County (along with the Trust of Public Lands out of Bozeman) of a bond issue. County Commissioner McCormick reported that this request may be on hold at the moment.

Lewis and Clark County Report – TS: 44:27

- Angie Hubbard may speak to the board about considering making recommendations to the County Commission where there are some rules in place on county owned land or county owned parks. Complaints have come up on people doing work or activities in a county park and no way to deal with those issues.

City Parks and Recreation Director Report – TS: 46:45

- Brad Langsather was asked to go over the Director’s Report and discuss the Mount Helena Fire
 - First though, Brad brought up the ARPA Funding and shared that Craig Marr and other staff members put together requests for eight projects within the developed parks and a ninth project coming from the Civic Center. Most of which were un-funded FY 23 projects.
 - The Mount Helena Fire as many may know was a successful outcome because of coordinated suppression effort along with the fuels management played a big role. They’ll start the fire clean up and taking care of roughly 1000 trees. Re-vegetation looks like it will be successful as well.
 - Open Lands news is the Bike Skills Course located at the bottom of dry gulch and is completed.
 - They put in a permanent restroom at the trail head of the Old Shooting Range
 - Been a busy year at the Golf Course and the Civic Center is getting ready for their busy season

City Parks and Recreation Maintenance Report – TS: 50:22

- Kait Perrodin said that she doesn’t have all of her numbers compiled yet but the 2022 season looked pretty on par with pre-covid numbers. The summer went really well and the updated/increased pay matrix assisted in staffing and recruitment.

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- Craig Marr reported that the final surface is being placed on the Barney Tennis Courts. Pickleball lines will be added to those. Kendrick field will have an engineer come do a structural analysis to determine what they can and cannot do. There was a request for pickleball lines at the Civic Center tennis courts that they let them do and is already busy. Other projects are getting lined up and plenty of maintenance duties are continuing.

8. Communications and Future Agenda Items (Board Members) – TS: 54:08

- ✚ Steve mentioned Heather likes to have about a 2 week notice for adding items to the agenda.

9. Next Meeting Date – TS: 54:24

- ✚ Wednesday October 5, 2022 11:30am-1:00pm
- ✚ City/County Building Room 426 and Zoom

10. Other – TS: 54:38

- ✚ City Commissioner Sean Logan said that he is going to pass on the City Clerks contact information as she can be a great educational asset for help with By-Laws. And he let the group know about the Helena Ales for Trails event that was coming up that Friday at Pioneer Park that supports a broad spectrum of trail organizations.
- ✚ TS: 55:56 Jerry had mentioned that he recently joined the State Capitol Band and says thank you to the park department and the board for being able to play in a great facility.

11. Adjournment – TS: 56:28A

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