



# City-County Consolidated Parks Board Time Stamped Summary



August 2, 2023 – 11:30 AM  
City-County Building 316 N Park Ave. Room 426

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(00:00:01) Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

Ben Kuiper

Doug Habermann

Alex Tommerup

Neal Murray

City Commissioner Sean Logan

County Commissioner Andy Hunthausen

County Staff Members-Angie Hubbard and Lindsay Morgan

Parks Superintendent-Craig Marr

Parks Maintenance Supervisor-Pat Marron

Guests and Members of the Public:

Laurie Crutcher

Paul Summerlin

Amanda Casey

Dr. G

(00:01:25) Public Comment (Items pertaining to this agenda)

Nothing at first, then at 02:03, Laurie Crutcher addressed the Vice Chair saying she had a comment and wasn't sure when to address it. Vice Chair Alex Tommerup gave Laurie the floor for her comment. Laurie Crutcher addressed the board in regards to the tennis court conditions and asked if more of the courts can get resurfaced. Parks Superintendent Craig Marr responded to Laurie the timeline of when the remaining courts would get resurfaced. Discussion continued on the frequency and cost of resurfacing courts.

(00:05:27) Unfinished Business

A. Letter of support of the "Big Sky Blue" a Great Northern Railroad caboose addition to Beattie Park

- a. Heather reported to the board that she began crafting the letter of support to Dr. Hash but needs help from the board to finalize it.

B. Public Comment

- a. No Comments

(00:06:41) Approval of the Minutes

June 7, 2023

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Ben Kuiper made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 meeting. Doug Habermann seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

(00:07:04) New Business

A. Poor Farm Cemetery discussion presented by the City-County Heritage Tourism Council

- a. Pam Attardo of the City-County Heritage Tourism Council presented to the board, a proposal to place an informational sign at a City owned park space that historically was a cemetery around the 1880's. The sign would inform visitors of what the space was to include a QR code with additional information of those buried.
- b. Pam Attardo asked City Staff if they could install the sign. Parks Superintendent agreed with a few additional suggestions.
- c. Doug Habermann made a motion to support the placement of an informational sign, Neal Murray seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

(00:22:13) B. Northwest Park Softball Fields renaming proposal presented by Amanda Casey

- d. Amanda Casey addressed the board requesting that the Northwest Park softball fields be renamed after Capital High School's Softball Head Coach Mike Miller. Conversation began of the process of naming a park and/or fields. Support from City staff and the board was present.
- e. Ben Kuiper made a motion to recommend to the City Commission, the boards support of renaming the Northwest Park Softball Fields to Mike Miller Softball Fields. Doug Habermann seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

(00:28:10) C. Northstar Park Master Plan RFP presented by County Community Development staff

- f. County Planners Angie Hubbard and Lindsay Morgan presented the board with a draft of a master plan in the beginning stages.
- g. The master plan draft has four important tasks; 1. Public Outreach Prior to Design and Site Planning, 2. Design and Site Planning, 3. Public Outreach Post Design and Site Planning and 4. Final Site Plan (Master Plan).
- h. Additional input and suggestions were shared.

D. Public Comment

- a. No public comment

Staff Reports

(00:47:35) A. City Staff

- a. Parks Superintendent Craig Marr addressed the board on a few items to report. Lockey Tennis Courts are going to be resurfaced. The Firetower restoration project went out for bid, received only one bid, then project will begin Spring of 2024. The pool has been going good and closes on August 18<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> people can bring their dogs to swim. Kay's Kids has been going well and ends on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Some events were highlighted as well.

(00:49:26) B. County Staff

- a. County Staff member Angie Hubbard reported they are still working on rules for county park land. She also reported that the Timberworks property has narrowed down a few designs to decide on.

Member Reports

(00:50:05) A. City Commission Report

- a. City Commissioner Sean Logan reported that the City Commission is still deliberating on how to spend the ARPA funds. A comprehensive recreational plan was proposed and has a possibility of being supported with \$150,000 by the City Commission.

(00:51:11) B. County Commission Report

- a. County Commissioner Andy Hunthausen added that subdivision regulations are being worked on. They are in the beginning stages of updating the growth policy as well.

(00:52:11) C. Helena School District Report

- a. Neal Murray reported they are getting close to the end of summer and working on finalizing their projects. Neal shared an event next week at Central School.

(00:53:26) Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

No comments

(00:53:39) Member Announcements / Proposals for Next Agenda (September 6, 2023)

Nothing to announce

(00:54:03) Adjournment

With no further business needing to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.

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