



City-County Consolidated Parks Board Time Stamped Summary



September 6, 2023 – 11:30 AM
City-County Building 316 N Park Ave. Room 426

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(00:00:02) Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

Dave McGuire
Ben Kuiper
Doug Habermann
Nyle Howsmon
Alex Tommerup
Jerry Blythe
Neal Murray
City Commissioner Sean Logan
County Staff Members-Angie Hubbard
Parks Director Doug Smith
Parks Superintendent-Craig Marr

(00:00:59) Approval of the Minutes

August 2, 2023

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Doug Haberman made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2nd 2023 meeting.
Ben Kuiper seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

(00:01:09) Public Comment (Items pertaining to this agenda)

No comments

(00:01:22) Unfinished Business

- A. Letter of support of the “Big Sky Blue” a Great Northern Railroad caboose addition to Beattie Park
 - a. Heather will send the draft of the letter out to the board members to finalize.
- B. Public Comment
 - a. No comments

(00:02:06) New Business

- A. Guest: Robert Bennett with Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church – Land Discussion

- a. Robert (Bob) Bennett addressed the board about land that the church owns and has some ideas on how they can utilize it with the sporting community. He determined there might be a different group or opportunities he can research so will not be asking the Parks Board for any support or any action to be taken. Discussion continued of the size, location and amenities of the land.
- b. The topic of board vacancies was brought up and members shared their knowledge of the process.

(00:16:40) B. Public Comment
No comments

Staff Reports

(00:16:46) A. City Staff

- a. Parks Director Doug Smith addressed the board on a few items to report. Doug updated the board on where the process was at for the Northwest Field Softball Field naming proposal. Doug continued to report of scheduled ribbon cuttings with the Parks Department. Doug finalized by complimenting Parks Superintendent Craig Marr and Parks Maintenance Supervisor Pat Marron on their hard work on and in the parks.

(00:19:03) B. County Staff

- a. County Staff member Angie Hubbard reported on the Northwest Park RFP as well as where they are at with the draft of rules for county parks.

Member Reports

(00:19:37) A. City Commission Report

- a. City Commissioner Sean Logan reported that the City Commission distributed more ARPA funds in the amount of \$120,000 for a comprehensive recreational plan. Parks Director Smith addressed the board saying there will be a RFP put together in this winter's projects.

(00:23:06) B. County Commission Report

- a. Nothing to report

(00:23:07) C. Helena School District Report

- a. Neal Murray reported that school has begun and the tennis courts at Capital High School are either done or very close to being done. Neal also reported on things accomplished over the summer and applauded his maintenance staff for their hard work.

(00:25:06) Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)
No comments

(00:25:23) Member Announcements / Proposals for Next Agenda (October 4, 2023)

Chair Dave McGuire wanted to take a hard look at the bylaws. Heather reported to the board that the City-County Parks Board is unique because of the county aspect but the structure of the board looks good and is on par with what the City Boards are getting to.

Doug Habberman shared that the Montana Outdoor Recreation Summit will be taking place in Butte in October.

(00:28:34) Adjournment

With no further business needing to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 12:03pm.

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