



City-County Consolidated Parks Board Meeting Agenda



November 1, 2023 – 11:30 AM
City-County Building 316 N Park Ave. Room 426
Zoom meeting link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95886198508>

Call to Order and Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes
September 6, 2023

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Public Comment (Items pertaining to this agenda)

Unfinished Business

- A. None
- B. Public Comment

New Business

- A. North Star Park name change to Guthrie Park, Presented by Paul Summerlin of the North Valley Park Alliance
- B. Public Comment

Staff Reports

- A. City Staff
- B. County Staff

Member Reports

- A. City Commission Report
- B. County Commission Report
- C. Helena School District Report

Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

Member Announcements / Proposals for Next Agenda (December 6, 2023)

- A. Board Training at the Helena Civic Center on Thursday, November 9, 2023 5:30pm-8:30pm. This training is open to all, and additional accommodations may be provided upon request. Please click the following link to **RSVP, no later than Monday, October 30th**: <https://forms.gle/cDNyofUJZ3AFev5F9>

Adjournment

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Subject: Proposal to Rename Northstar Park to Guthrie Park

To the City-County Consolidated Parks Board,

I hope this proposal finds you well. We, the undersigned residents and supporters of Lewis and Clark County, would like to request the renaming of Northstar Park to Guthrie Park. We believe that this name change would not only honor the legacy of a distinguished Montana author, AB Guthrie Junior, but also provide an opportunity to celebrate the rich history of our region.

****Reasons for the Name Change:****

1. ****Location:**** Guthrie Park would be named after the street on which it is situated, creating a strong connection between the park and its surrounding community.
2. ****Historical Significance:**** AB Guthrie Junior, a renowned author, holds a special place in the history of Montana. Renaming the park after him would pay tribute to his contributions to literature and to our state's culture.
3. ****Educational Opportunity:**** The park could feature a historic monument and interpretive signage telling the story of AB Guthrie Jr.'s journey in Montana, providing an educational experience for park visitors and residents alike.

****Summary of AB Guthrie Junior's Journey in Montana:****

Albert (Bud) Bertram Guthrie Jr. (1901-1991) was a celebrated American novelist, screenwriter, and historian who was deeply connected to Montana. His most famous work, "The Big Sky," is a classic of Western literature and showcases his love for the vast Montana landscape.

AB Guthrie Jr. was born in Indiana but moved to Montana in his youth. It was in Montana that he found inspiration for many of his works. His writing often explored the beauty and challenges of life in the American West, capturing the spirit of the region and its people.

Guthrie's literary achievements earned him numerous awards, including the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1950. His novels remain beloved by readers worldwide and are considered important contributions to American literature.

Renaming Northstar Park to Guthrie Park would serve as a lasting tribute to AB Guthrie Jr.'s legacy and provide an opportunity for residents and visitors to learn about his significant contributions to Montana's history and culture.

We kindly request your consideration of this proposal and look forward to discussing this matter further. Your support would not only honor an outstanding Montanan but also enrich our community's identity.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

North Valley Park Alliance Board