



# City-County Consolidated Parks Board



CITY OF HELENA  
City-County Consolidated Parks Board  
January 4, 2023 – 11:30 AM  
City-County Building 316 N Park Ave. Room 426

## Zoom Meeting Recording:

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## Call to Order and Roll Call

(00:03:09) Roll Call was taken, and the following all responded present:

Dave McGuire – Board Member  
Ben Kuiper – Board Member  
Nyle Howsmon – Board Member  
Alex Tommerup – Board Member  
Jerry Blythe – Board Member

Angie Hubbard – County Representative  
Parks Department and City Staff:  
Doug Smith – Director  
Craig Marr – Superintendent  
Brad Langsather – Open Lands Manager  
Heather Kahler – Parks Admin/Board Secretary  
Rebecca Dockter – City Attorney  
Chris Brink – Community Development Director

The following members were absent:  
Helena School District Member

Members of the public present:

Ron Bartsch  
Cherche Prezeau  
Bekka Cantrell  
Sarah Perry  
Rebecca Ryland  
Mark Runkle  
Derek Davis  
Jeremy Fadness  
Forrest Zimmerman

Members of the public via Zoom that addressed the board:

Cory Chenoweth  
Chelsea Culpon  
Liz Ulrich

## Minutes

(00:04:24)

November 2, 2022

Board member Ben Kuiper moved to approve the minutes as written. Board member Alex Tommerup seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0

## Regular Items

(00:05:02)

### A. Staff Reports

Parks, Recreation and Open Lands Report

Parks Director Smith had Brad Langsather, Open Lands Manager give an update of the fire mitigation and burning going on in the mountains currently.

Brad gave an update of the number of acreage being targeted and a timeline of when burning will be completed.

(00:05:59)

### B. County Report

County Representative Angie Hubbard reported about a meeting that occurred in regards to Sierra Park.

(00:06:42)

### C. Member Reports

City Commission Report – Commissioner Logan was not present

County Commission Report – County Commissioner representative currently in the works of being replaced

School District Report – No school district representative present

(00:07:01)

### D. Parkland Dedication Presentations: Doug Smith, Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Lands

(00:07:40)

#### 1. Mountain View Meadows Craftsman Village Phases 8, 9, 10

a. Director Smith presented the staff recommendation to the board that all lands proposed for satisfying the subdivision park land dedication requirements are proposed to be retained and managed by Mountain View Meadows and will not be conveyed to the City of Helena.

b. Greg Wirth made the presentation

c. Questions/Comments/Public Comment

i. NONE

d. Board member Ben Kuiper moved to accept the parks staff's recommendation, board member Alex Tommerup seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0

(00:15:40)

#### 2. West Side Woods Subdivision

a. Director Smith presented the staff recommendation to the board to approve proposed parkland and platted open space, lots 6, 12, 16, 19 – totaling 13.4095 acres, with the condition

that forest fuels and noxious weed treatments are completed before dedication and/or funded by applicant.

b. Developer Bartsch commented that he is there to answer any questions.

c. Board Questions

i. NONE

d. Public Comment

(00:23:31)

i. Sarah Perry, residing at 2636 Woodward Ave, also representing a group called Save the Westside, addressed the board and was against the proposed staff recommendation.

ii. Forrest Zimmerman, from Save the Westside, addressed the board and was against the proposed staff recommendation.

iii. Developer Ron Bartsch addressed the board and the public in support of the proposed staff recommendation.

iv. Cory Chenoweth, residing at 2630 Knight Street, addressed the board and was against the proposed staff recommendation.

v. Jeremy Fadness with WWC Engineering addressed the board and the public in support of the proposed staff recommendation.

vi. Chelsea Culpon, property owner of 2670 Hauser Blvd, addressed the board and was against the proposed staff recommendation.

(00:46:50)

e. Board Comment

i. Board member Alex Tommerup addressed his thoughts.

ii. Board member Ben Kuiper asked about the process and the timeline of the process.

iii. Board member Jerry Blythe addressed his concerns.

iv. Community Development Director Chris Brink addressed the board of the application process and timeline.

v. Board member Alex Tommerup addressed additional thoughts/suggestions.

vi. Developer Ron Bartsch addressed the board.

vii. Sarah Perry voiced additional concerns.

viii. Derek Davis with Sussex Construction addressed the board and public.

ix. Board member Dave McGuire addressed the developer.

x. Developer Ron Bartsch addressed the board in return.

xi. Forrest Zimmerman addressed additional concerns.

(01:06:47)

### **E. Board Discussion**

Board member Ben Kuiper asked if it was possible to take a tour of the area. Other board members said they could be available except for the Lincoln Parks Board Representatives. It was determined that a special meeting / tour of area would be best.

- (01:11:45) F. Motion**  
A motion was made by Jerry Blythe to table the discussion until the next regular scheduled meeting on February 1, 2023 after the planned visit/special meeting on location on January 17, 2023 to gather information. Alex seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
- (01:12:15) G. Public Comment**  
No further public comment
- (01:12:22) H. Member Communications / Proposals for next Agenda**  
To make a motion to either support or not support the staff recommendation of the park land dedication proposal presentation in the Westside Woods Subdivision.
- (01:12:30) I. Meetings of Interest / Announcements**  
No announcements
- (01:12:34) J. Adjournment**  
There being no further business before the City-County Consolidated Parks Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.