



# City-County Consolidated Parks Board Time Stamped Summary



CITY OF HELENA  
City-County Consolidated Parks Board  
February 1, 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

(00:0:44) Roll Call was taken, and the following all responded present:  
Dave McGuire – City Board Member  
Alex Tommerup – County Board Member  
Ben Kuiper – City Board Member  
Nyle Howsmon – Lincoln Park Board Member  
Jerry Blythe – County Board Member

County Representative – Angie Hubbard  
Helena School District Representative – Neal Murray  
County Commissioner – Andy Hunthausen  
Parks Department and City Staff:  
Doug Smith – Director  
Craig Marr – Superintendent  
Brad Langsather – Open Lands Manager  
Heather Kahler – Parks Admin/Board Secretary  
Ellie Ray – Community Development Department

### Members of the public present:

Cherche Prezeau  
Derek Davis  
Ed Santos  
Sarah Perry  
Jeremy Fadness  
Ron Bartsch  
Bekka Cantrell

### Members of the public via Zoom:

Cory Chenoweth  
Lauren Roach  
Melanie Symons  
Colleen  
John R  
Alan McCormick  
Chelsea Culpon

## **Minutes**

(00:02:10)

January 4, 2023

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

## **Regular Items**

(00:02:27)

### **A. Staff Reports**

Parks, Recreation and Open Lands Report

Parks Superintendent Craig Marr updated the board of the current ice rink conditions and usage.

(00:03:52)

### **B. County Report**

County Representative Angie Hubbard reported about a meeting that occurred with the school district about developing the park land behind Jim Darcy School.

(00:04:44)

### **C. Member Reports**

City Commission Report – Commissioner Logan was not present

County Commission Report – County Commissioner Andy Hunthausen addressed the board saying he’s glad to be back on the board. He shared additional details about the Timber Estates park land project.

School District Report – Neal Murray addressed the board of the current icy conditions of the school playgrounds and what projects the district has done to help combat the icy conditions.

(00:07:56)

### **D. Parkland Dedication Presentations: Doug Smith, Director of Parks**

1. 700 Cole Ave

- a. Director Smith presented to the board information about the 700 Cole Avenue minor subdivision project and recommended to the board they make a motion to accept cash-in-lieu for 700 Cole Avenue (0.67 acres) which equates to a cash-in-lieu payment of approximately \$11,000.
- b. Board member Alex Tommerup made the motion to accept cash-in-lieu for 700 Cole Avenue (0.67 acres) which equates to a cash-in-lieu payment of approximately \$11,000.
- c. With no public comments or additional discussion, board member Ben Kuiper seconded, all in favor, motion carried 5 to 0.

(00:09:08)

2. Vote on proposed staff recommendation of the Westside Woods Subdivision

- a. Director Smith reminded the board the motion was tabled at the last City-County Consolidated Parks Board Meeting. Director Smith shared with the board that the group "Save the Westside" sent in a letter of support of the recommendation to accept the 13.4 acres of park land dedication and to make a motion to approve the proposed parkland and platted open space, lots 6, 12, 16, 19.
- b. Sarah Perry addressed Director Smith and the board and clarified the condition requests had not been agreed upon yet.
- c. Board member Jerry Blythe addressed the board, staff and the public in support of the staff recommendation.
- d. Sarah Perry residing at 2636 Woodward Ave, also representing a group called Save the Westside, addressed the board and is in support of the staff recommendation based on the group's conversation with the developer.
- e. Developer Ron Bartsch addressed the board.
- f. Board member Alex Tommerup addressed the board in support of the staff recommendation.

(00:24:45)

**E. Motion**

Alex made the motion in support of park staff recommendation. Jerry seconded, all in favor, motion passed 5-0.

(00:25:38)

**F. Public Comment**

No further public comment

(00:25:47)

**G. Member Communications / Proposals for next Agenda**

Nothing

(00:25:56)

**H. Meetings of Interest / Announcements**

Director Smith made an announcement that the next meeting, City Attorney Dockter will share the board's roles.

County Commissioner Hunthausen addressed Director Smith as to what happens next now that the board has voted on the two proposals. Community Development Director Chris Brink addressed the board of the next steps going to the Planning board on February 21, 2023 and the City Commission on March 13, 2023.

(00:27:38)

**I. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the City-County Consolidated Parks Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:58 am