



City-County Consolidated Parks Board Time Stamped Summary



CITY OF HELENA
City-County Consolidated Parks Board
April 5, 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

(00:00:01) Board Chair Dave McGuire called the meeting to order and asked new City Appointee member Doug Haberman to introduce himself

Roll Call was taken and the following members were present

Dave McGuire – City Appointee

Ben Kuiper – City Appointee

Doug Haberman – City Appointee

Nyle Howsmon – County Appointee/Lincoln Parks Board Member

Alex Tommerup – County Appointee

Jerry Blythe – County Appointee

County Commissioner – Andy Hunthausen

County Representative – Angie Hubbard

Craig Marr – Parks Superintendent

Kait Perrodin – Parks Recreation Manager

Brad Langsather – Open Lands Manager

Heather Kahler – Parks Admin/Board Secretary

Members of the public present:

Dr. G

Approval of the Minutes

(00:02:36) March 1, 2023 Meeting
Board member Ben Kuiper moved to approve the minutes. Board member Alex Tommerup seconded the motion. The motion carried 6:0

Regular Items

(00:02:59) **A. Staff Reports**
Parks, Recreation and Open Lands Report
Open Lands Manager reported for the department that the Open Lands division is gearing up for their field season. They completed about 80% of the forest fuel mitigation project this past winter. Leaving about 75 acres to complete next year. Additionally, Brad reported of some funding

sources that have been received by the City to assist in completing other important projects. Brad shared that there was a grant that was denied for other forest fuel reduction projects and will update as to the reason once he hears back.

(00:06:30)

B. County Report

County Representative Angie Hubbard reported that the County Planning Department is applying for ARPA Funds to help master plan Northstar Park and to help with the infrastructure and design at the parkland behind Jim Darcy School.

(00:07:19)

C. Member Reports

Board Report: Chairman McGuire addressed the board reminding them that they will wait until further direction from the Clerk's office as to standardizing all the City boards.

Heather addressed the board about the City Commission Administrative meeting occurring tonight and park and recreation fees will be presented.

City Commission Report – Commissioner Sean Logan was not present.

County Commission Report – County Commissioner Andy Hunthausen addressed the board expanding on what County Rep Angie discussed that the ARPA funds requests will be in front of the County Commission in the next few weeks. He explained the County's ARPA Funding process. Commissioner Hunthausen then mentioned that the County Open Lands Committee wrote a letter to the County Commissioners asking them to consider putting the renewal of a bond levy on the 2024 ballot. Commissioner Hunthausen said the committee may come to a Parks Board meeting to present to the board so the board can make a recommendation to the County Commission.

School District Report – Neal Murray was not present.

Parks Superintendent Craig Marr addressed the board to discuss other things going on in the City Parks Department. Craig shared that American Legion Baseball will begin at Kindrick Legion Field. There is funding for the Fire Tower Restoration Project coming and hopes to begin the project this fall. The Lockey Tennis Courts are budgeted to get resurfaced this year. They will be proposing for next year to get the Civic Center courts done. Another project staff has been working on is picnic shelters for Memorial Park. Weather has had an impact on opening the permanent bathrooms. Courts and fields are already in use. Other Capital requests from the general fund are a new tool cat and new netting around Kindrick Legion. Urban Forestry has hired a surveyor to re-do the Urban Forestry district boundary because of some newly annexed properties within the City of Helena. Maintenance staff will help out with the Rodney Street tree project.

County Commissioner Andy Hunthausen addressed the board updating them on the group that is proposing a large recreation/aquatics facility

that they are still in the beginning stages and are hoping to begin raising money.

Parks Recreation Manager Kait Perrodin addressed the board saying she is currently recruiting for summer staff. Craig Marr shared that the City is hosting a job fair tomorrow at the Civic Center from 10 to 2.

(00:20:20)

D. Public Comment

- a. Dave McGuire made a public comment that the pickleball community is hosting an event in May at the new Barney Park Tennis Courts, inviting the board and the public.

(00:22:53)

E. Member Communications / Proposals for next Agenda

Nothing

F. Meetings of Interest / Announcements

Nothing

(00:23:35)

G. Adjournment

There being no further business before the City-County Consolidated Parks Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:55am.