

Missoula City Council Parks and Conservation Committee Minutes

October 9, 2019

1:00 PM

City Council Chambers

140 W. Pine Street, Missoula , MT

Members present: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Michelle Cares, John DiBari, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West

Members absent: Julie Armstrong

Others present: Corena Maurer, Ron Regan

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes from September 25, 2019

Ms. Merritt asked for a correction on page 2 of the minutes. It stated: "Ms. Merritt states that the right thing to do is to remove the dams at the Rattlesnake Lakes."

This needs to be corrected to: "Ms. Merritt states that she would like to push back on the idea that the right thing to do is to remove the Rattlesnake Lakes."

The minutes were approved as posted with the above correction.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Professional Services Agreement with L.F. Sloane Consulting Group, Inc. for Missoula City Cemetery Strategic Plan Project

Mr. Regan gave an overview of the project and discussed what the project would include.

Ms. Jones states this project will also deal with infrastructure.

Ms. Cares asked when the last master plan was done.

Mr. Regan stated the last plan was done in 1976 but was never brought before city council for approval.

Ms. Cares states she is very pleased with the scope of work and the fact that the Scott Street Master Urban Renewal District (URD) Plan was referenced. She states it makes sense to take time to think strategically about the cemetery, likes that we will be holding a focus group with other cemeteries and is overall very supportive of the plan.

Mr. Ramos echoes Ms. Cares comments, is excited to learn about the fee structure and thanks Mr. Regan for including the monument companies and is looking forward to the results.

Mr. von Lossberg echoes Ms. Cares and Mr. Ramos' comments. Mr. von Lossberg did not realize that there were consulting firms specializing in cemeteries.

Ms. Jones believes the timing is great for this project and it is good to take a short and long term look at the cemetery.

Moved by: Michelle Cares

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a professional services agreement with L.F. Sloane Consulting Group, Inc. for the Missoula City Cemetery Strategic Plan Project for an amount not to exceed \$25,500.

AYES: (11): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Michelle Cares, John DiBari, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (11 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Submitted by: Corena Maurer

City of Missoula Parks & Recreation Administrative Assistant.