

City of Missoula

Committee of the Whole Agenda

Date: September 22, 2021, 9:00 AM - 9:40 AM

Location: ZOOM Webinar

Members: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John P. Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West

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1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1. Roll Call

1.2. Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1. Minutes from the September 15, 2021 Meeting

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

**3.1. Update on the Missoula City and County
Food Policy Advisory Board**

Heidi West

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Recommended motion:
None – information only

4. ADJOURNMENT

Missoula City Council Committee of the Whole Minutes - DRAFT

September 15, 2021

9:15 AM

ZOOM Webinar

Members present: Mirtha Becerra, John P. Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West

Members absent: Stacie Anderson, Julie Merritt

Others present: Sienna Solberg, SPARKS! Arts
Jim Nugent, City Attorney

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Minutes from the August 18, 2021 Budget Committee of the Whole Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

1.2.2 Minutes from the August 4, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Seeing none.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 SPARK! Arts: Arts Education Ecosystem

Bryan von Lossberg asked Mirtha Becerra for an introduction on the item.

Mirtha Becerra said she is part of the board of SPARK! Arts and is excited to have Sienna Solberg present today.

Sienna Solberg presented a PowerPoint about the SPARK! Arts program. It is a Kennedy Center program and Missoula was one of 14 cities in the nation chosen for the program, whose goal is ensuring arts for any given child.

Heather Harp asked if the teacher positions are permanent, part-time and/or temporary?

Sienna Solberg said they were able to add one permanent position, so now there are four and they hope that they are able to make the current two year temporary positions eventually permanent. She continued with her presentation.

Bryan von Lossberg thanked Sienna and opened the floor for comments and questions.

Heather Harp shared her experience with art as a young student. She spoke to the skill sets that the youth learn are critical in moving through life.

Amber Sherrill loves the integration program and thinks it is crucial to learning and understanding. She asked for more information about the grants they receive and how they are applied with an equity lens.

Sienna Solberg provided more information and said they are still developing how to implement.

Gwen Jones mentioned there used to be an imbalance of the arts, heavily weighted to music, so she is excited to hear about this expansion of visual arts. She would also love to create a culture of storytelling in the community.

Sienna Solberg mentioned that there is a staff member whose focus is storytelling.

Mirtha Becerra thinks this program is a great example of something that collectively impacts the community.

Heidi West asked how feeder schools are integrated into high school regarding arts programs.

Sienna Solberg provided her perspective.

Bryan von Lossberg gave thanks.

Information only

4. ADJOURNMENT

Bryan von Lossberg adjourned the meeting at 9:59 AM.



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Item: Update on the Missoula City and County Food Policy Advisory Board

Date: September 17, 2021

Sponsor(s): Heidi West

Prepared by: City Clerk Office

Ward(s) Affected:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

None – information only

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: None – information only

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	September 20, 2021
Committee discussion:	September 22, 2021
Council action (or sets hearing):	N/A
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Deadline:	N/A

Background and Alternatives Explored: The Missoula City County Food Policy Advisory Board was created by the Missoula City Council and the Missoula County Commissioners with the purpose of providing recommendations to increase security of Missoula's local food system, promote sustainable agriculture that enhances the local economy, connect food access programs to local, nutritious food, build regional self-reliance and climate resiliency. This is an update to update City Council on the establishment of the board, the priorities that have been identified, and current efforts that the board is involved with.

Financial Implications: N/A

Links to external websites: N/A