

Missoula City Council Parks and Conservation Committee Minutes

January 5, 2022

1:30 PM

ZOOM Webinar

Members present: Stacie Anderson, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

Members absent: Mirtha Becerra, Amber Sherrill (chair)

Others present: Staff Present: Corena Maurer, Morgan Valliant, Ben Carson, TJ Machado, Shirley Kinsey, Lincoln Lake, Jim Nugent

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes from December 15, 2021

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Master Fee Schedule for Facility Use, Reservations, Permits and Programs 2022

Ms. Kinsey discussed why fees are charged and why fees increase over time.

Ms. Vasecka asked about providing proof of residency for the City Card to receive discounts for Park programs.

Ms. Jones asked about the scholarship program.

Ms. Kinsey discussed the Parks license plate that generates money for the scholarship program.

Ms. Kinsey reviewed the increases.

Ms. Kinsey discussed the Turf working group and how the turf is maintained for all use.

Ms. Kinsey discussed the addition of Marshall Mountain and fees that will be implemented there.

The Urban Forestry Reforestation and Dedication Tree Program fees were discussed.

Ms. Jordan asked about the Reforestation Program Fee.

Mr. Carson and Mr. Valliant gave clarification on the fees and the urban forest planting focus areas.

Ms. Savage asked when the fees for Marshall Mountain will be implemented.

Mr. Carlino asked about the mountain being closed when people have paid for event closure.

Mr. Valliant discussed how those decisions were made and that this is the first time we are implementing fees of this type.

Mr. Mike Nugent asked about tree removals.

Ms. Jordan asked about the metrics on the Marshall Mountain \$750 a day closure.

Mr. Valliant gave more clarification on the metrics.

Public comment:

Matt Loomis stated that a 10% increase all across the board is ridiculous. Council needs to fund Parks and Rec better. If you want Parks to maintain all these areas you have to fund them better. You are putting the increase on the park users. Please vote against this and fund the Parks department better.

Pre-public hearing information only presentation

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23pm.

Submitted by: Corena Maurer

City of Missoula Parks & Recreation