

Missoula City Council Parks and Conservation Committee Minutes

**March 9, 2022
10:30 AM
ZOOM Webinar**

Members present: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill (chair), Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

Others present: Staff Present: Eric Seagrave, Meg Whicher, Corena Maurer, John Engen, Morgan Valliant, Grant Carlton
Others Present: Tracy Campbell

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes from March 2, 2022

The minutes were approved as posted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Splash Montana 50m Pool Liner Replacement

Eric Seagrave gave a brief description of the request and what is included.

Ms. Sherrill asked about increased heating cost due to water loss.

Ms. Anderson spoke about deferred maintenance and asked if there is more work needed beyond this request.

Mr. Seagrave states we are looking into water filtration but that does not fall under deferred maintenance.

Ms. Anderson asked for clarification on where the money for this request will be taken from.

Mr. Contos asked what our pools are made of, if they are made out of concrete which lasts forever.

Mr. Seagrave explained the different types of pools and that concrete pools do not last forever.

Ms. Vasecka states she will be supporting the motion.

Mr. Carlino will be supporting the motion and hopes we are able to keep prices for Splash Montana affordable.

Mike Nugent will be supporting the motion.

Moved by: Stacie Anderson

Approve and Authorize the Mayor to sign Contract in the amount of \$237,920.00 with Aquatic Renovations Systems, Inc. (RenoSys) for replacement of the Splash Montana 50m Pool Liner

AYES: (12): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (12 to 0)

3.2 Referral -- Appointment to Energy and Climate Team

10:45 am - Tracy Campbell Interview

The committee interviewed Tracy Campbell via Zoom.

Mr. Carlino nominated Ali Cane.

The committee discussed the candidates and the nomination.

Moved by: Daniel Carlino

appoint Alli Kane to serve as an regular member on the Energy and Climate Team beginning immediately and ending on July 31, 2025.

AYES: (7): Stacie Anderson, Daniel Carlino, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, and Amber Sherrill

NAYS: (5): Mirtha Becerra, John Contos, Jennifer Savage, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (7 to 5)

3.3 Marshall Mountain Park: Master Planning Contract

Morgan Valliant shared that Marshall Mountain is a unique project and he needs to provide better updates to the committee.

Mr. Valliant gave a brief intro for Grant Carlton.

Meg Whicher introduced herself and shared how she has been involved with Marshall Mountain.

Mr. Valliant discussed the importance of a master plan to getting the project started.

Ms. Sherrill talked about the Friends of Marshall Mountain and how they are fundraising for the project. Ms. Sherrill talked about the overwhelming public support for this project.

Grant Carlson gave a brief overview of his role in the City and the Marshall Mountain project.

Ms. Sherrill asked if the Friends of Marshall Mountain have begun fundraising for the project.

Mr. Valliant states that yes, they have began to fundraise for the scope of the entire project.

Ms. Sherrill asked about acquiring matching funds for projects.

Mr. Valliant states that the master plan is a key component for raising funds for the project.

Mr. Carlson discussed setting up the project for fundraising success and where money for the project will be coming from.

Ms. Whicher talked about permits that are generating funding for maintenance and numbers of current users on Marshall Mountain.

Jennifer Savage discussed the public comments on the project and would like to see more comments from people across the city. Ms. Savage would like to see more updates on the project. She asked who picked SC Group for this project.

Mr. Valliant shared how SC Group was chosen.

Ms. Sherrill discussed public comments from a broader zip code.

Ms. Vasecka asked for more clarification on permits and the money generated from them and if permits were not used if the site would be maintained.

Mr. Valliant shared what the money gained from permits is used for.

Ms. Vasecka asked about the property being outside of city limits.

Mr. Valliant states this is not an uncommon practice to acquire Open Space outside of the city limits.

Mr. Carlton shared the fact that Marshall Mountain falls in the cornerstone of acquisitions for the City.

Ms. Vasecka discussed the surveys and how they were presented and the results of the survey. Ms. Vasecka will not be supporting the project.

Ms. Sherrill clarified the recommended motion for this agenda item.

Ms. Anderson asked for clarification on the money being put back in the emergency fund.

Mr. Valliant discussed where funds are coming from and how they are applied.

Ms. Becerra asked about maintenance we are currently doing on the project.

Ms. Becerra still has many questions about this project and will continue to do her due diligence on this project. Ms. Becerra would also like to know more about the Friends of Marshall Mountain.

Heidi West discussed the annexation of East Missoula but believes there will be more interest as the area becomes more accessible to more people.

Mike Nugent says that his support of this project will weigh heavily on fundraising. He also discussed the importance of budgeting for maintenance.

Jennifer Savage discussed having more clarifying information available on this project.

Moved by: Gwen Jones

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with SE Group for the Master Planning of Marshall Mountain Park in the amount not to exceed \$130,000.00

AYES: (11): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, and Heidi West

NAYS: (1): Sandra Vasecka

Vote results: Approved (11 to 1)

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Submitted by: Corena Maurer

City of Missoula Parks & Recreation