

Missoula City Council Climate, Conservation and Parks Committee Minutes

**May 11, 2022
11:35 AM
ZOOM Webinar**

Members present: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka

Members absent: John P. Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Heidi West

Others present: Staff Present: David Selvage, Jeff Gicklhorn, Morgan Valliant, Corena Maurer, Ben Carson, Marie Boggess, Lincoln Lake
Others Present: Ian Ortlieb, Mike Cassidy, Taylor Olson

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes from May 4, 2022

Quorum not present, minutes approved as posted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Northwestern Energy Overhead Utility Easement East Caras Park and Riverside Parking Lot

David Selvage gave an overview of the easement request.

Ian Ortlieb with Northwestern Energy stated they have no problems with this request.

Item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Moved by: Mike Nugent

(No quorum present) Approve the grant of an overhead utility easement to NorthWestern Energy through City property used for East Caras Park and Riverside Parking Lot and authorize the Mayor to sign.

AYES: (6): Stacie Anderson, Daniel Carlino, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

ABSENT: (6): Mirtha Becerra, John P. Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (6 to 0)

3.2 Northwestern Energy Land Use Agreement for East Caras Park

Mr. Selvage discussed the location of the temporary substation and the needs and requirements of the proposed location.

Mr. Selvage reviewed costs.

Ambers Sherrill asked about possible safety issues.

Mr. Selvage discussed scheduled closures.

Daniel Carlino asked about parking lot options.

Mirtha Becerra joined the meeting.

Mr. Ortlieb discussed lease parking.

Mr. Carlino asked about the location of the second substation.

Taylor Olson of Northwestern Energy gave details on the second substation.

Mr. Carlino asked for more clarification on the parking situation.

Mr. Ortlieb discussed all possible options that were explored.

Item will be placed on Committee Reports per Mr. Carlino's request.

Moved by: Mike Nugent

Approve a Land Use Agreement with NorthWestern Energy for use of East Caras Park and Authorize the Mayor to sign

AYES: (6): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

NAYS: (1): Daniel Carlino

ABSENT: (5): John P. Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (6 to 1)

3.3 Department of Agriculture Sustainable Urban Forest Resilience Subaward

Ben Carson gave some background on the grant and the position the grant would fund.

The remaining monies of the grant will go to plant propagation.

Ms. Becerra is always impressed and grateful that Parks staff is always on the look out for funding opportunities.

Item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Moved by: Mirtha Becerra

approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Department of Agriculture Sustainable Urban Forest Resilience Subaward (SUFRR) agreement in the amount of \$46,000

AYES: (7): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

ABSENT: (5): John P. Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (7 to 0)

3.4 Ecosystem Services Annual Update

Morgan Valliant introduced himself and the members of his staff. He presented the Ecosystems Services Division Update Spring 2022 PowerPoint.

Mr. Valliant discussed the system organization chart.

Mr. Valliant discussed the 4 types of ecosystem services.

Jeff Gicklhorn gave an overview of the conservation lands management program.

Mr. Gicklhorn reviewed the program and the systems growth.

Mr. Gicklhorn discussed the 2021 major accomplishments.

Kristen Jordan joined the meeting.

Mr. Gicklhorn discussed future projects and goals.

Ben Carson presented the urban forestry division program goals.

Mr. Carson discussed what makes up the urban forest.

Mr. Carson gave details on how customer service requests work.

Marie Boggess discussed Trees for Missoula and urban forest volunteer activities.

Ms. Boggess discussed grants.

Ms. Boggess reviewed the development and responsibilities of urban forestry.

Mr. Carson discussed urban forestry's priorities and challenges for 2022.

Ms. Sherrill asked for clarification on how many miles of trails we are currently managing.

N/A

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 pm.

Submitted by: Corena Maurer

City of Missoula Parks & Recreation