

Missoula City Council Climate, Conservation and Parks Committee Minutes

August 31, 2022

10:45 AM

Microsoft Teams 1

Members present: Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

Members absent: Stacie Anderson, Kristen Jordan, Jennifer Savage

Others present: Staff Present: Lincoln Lake, Betsy Willett, Corena Maurer, Jim Nugent, Morgan Valliant
Grow Safe Missoula Present: Alison Reintjes, Kate Wilburn, Leslie Millar, Lori Johnson, Lorie Lochridge, Mark Milanick, Jenny Mish
Others Present: Linda McCarthy, Denise Loran

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes from August 3, 2022

Minutes were not attached for review, tabled until the next meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Grow Safe Missoula Update

Alison Reintjes presented a slideshow regarding organic lawn care.

Alison discussed the current pesticides used on City Property.

Alison discussed the human health costs of pesticides and the environmental costs of pesticides.

Alison shared the benefits of organic lawn care.

Alison shared the sounds of bats on the Clark Fork Prairie.

Lincoln Lake gave a brief update on their pilot project at McCormick Park.

John Contos asked how easy it would be to switch over to organic lawn care.

Alison has guides available with information on how to switch.

Daniel Carlino asked if there was a city or town for Missoula to model policy after.

Gwen Jones knows this is a big project and there is a difference between yards and playing fields.

Leslie Millar gave her support of Grow Safe Missoula.

Denise Loran knows that we can go do organic lawn care in Missoula and is behind Grow Safe Missoula 100%.

N/A

3.2 Mayoral Approval of U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to Fund a River Access in Caras Park

Morgan Valliant discussed the proposed river access at Caras Park.

Amber Sherril shared her support for this project.

Heidi West asked about storm water's involvement in the project and how this project would factor into the budget.

Mike Nugent shared his support of this project.

Mirtha Becerra expressed her gratitude for the partners who contributed to getting the grant awarded.

This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Moved by: Mike Nugent

Approve the Mayor to sign a grant agreement with the US Economic Development Administration to accept \$1,220,304.00 in federal grant funds to build a sustainable and accessible river access in Caras Park in Downtown Missoula.

AYES: (9): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (3): Stacie Anderson, Kristen Jordan, and Jennifer Savage

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 pm.

Submitted by: Corena Maurer

City of Missoula Parks & Recreation