

Missoula City Council Parks and Conservation Committee Minutes

February 10, 2021

10:00 AM

ZOOM Webinar

Members present: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill (chair), Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West

Members absent: John P. Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Jesse Ramos

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

Staff Present: Donna Gaukler, Jim Nugent, David Selvage, Corena Maurer

Others Present: Chris Rowe, Ellis Walker-Keleher, Virgil Jones, Grace Gibson-Snyder, Aviv Guscio

1.2 Approval of the Minutes from February 2, 2021

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Missoula County Public Schools-City Interlocal for the Lowell School - Westside Park Neighborhood Center

Ms. Gaukler gave some background and history on the proposed agreement.

Ms. Sherrill thinks this is a great program.

Ms. Merritt supports the proposal. Ms. Merritt is not seeing the part that Flagship plays in the agreement and would like a member of the Flagship program be on the ad hoc committee.

Ms. Gaukler assured the committee that Flagship is very involved in the project and the planning.

Ms. West made the recommended motion and spoke in support of the motion.

Moved by: Heidi West

Approve and Authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Missoula and Missoula County Public Schools for use of Lowell Elementary School as a Neighborhood Community Center

AYES: (8): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (4): John Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, and Jesse Ramos

Vote results: Approved (8 to 0)

3.2 County Parklands Conveyance to City

Mr. Salvage briefly discussed the request.

Ms. Merritt asked if the park parcels were parks that were already being taken care of.

Moved by: Stacie Anderson

Approve and accept conveyance of ten (10) parcels of land from Missoula County to be used for parks, trails and open space purposes and direct staff to record the quit claim deeds with the County Clerks office in the name of the City of Missoula.

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ABSENT: (4): John Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, and Jesse Ramos

Vote results: Approved (8 to 0)

3.3 Youth Appointments to the Energy and Climate Team

10:35-10:50 – Virgil Jones Interview

10:50-10:55 - Discussion

10:55-11:10 – Ellis Walker-Keleher Interview

11:10-11:15 - Discussion

11:15-11:30 – Grace Gibson-Snyder Interview

11:30-11:35 - Discussion

11:40-12:00 – Aviv Guscio Interview

12:00-12:15 – Discussion

Chris Rowe gave a brief history of the youth appointments.

Virgil Jones was interviewed with Zoom video by the committee.

Ellis Walker-Keleher was interviewed with Zoom video by the committee.

Grace Gibson-Snyder was interviewed with Zoom video by the committee.

Aviv Guscio was interviewed with Zoom video by the committee.

Ms. Jones discussed incorporating youth members into other committees.

Ms. Jones made the recommended motion to appoint Ellis Walker-Keleher and Virgil Jones to the committee.

There was much discussion by the committee on who to choose to fill the positions.

Ms. Anderson made a friendly amendment to appoint Grace Gibson-Syder and Aviv Guscio as alternative.

Ms. Jones accepted the friendly amendment.

Moved by: Gwen Jones

Appoint Ellis Walker-Keleher and Virgil Jones for the Youth Team member positions to the Energy and Climate Team and Grace Gibson-Syder and Aviv Guscio as alternates for terms beginning immediately and ending on May 31, 2021.

AYES: (7): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (5): John Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Jesse Ramos, and Bryan von Lossberg

Vote results: Approved (7 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.

Submitted by:

Corena Maurer

City of Missoula Parks & Recreation