



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

Committee: Climate, Conservation and Parks

Item: Referral – Resolution of Intent to Sell Real Property White Pine Park

Date: December 4, 2024

Sponsor(s): Donna Gaukler

Department or function: Parks and Recreation

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Ward(s) Affected:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Approve Resolution of intent to sell real property and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Approve a resolution of intent to sell real property and authorize the Mayor to sign

Timeline:

Committee discussion: 12/11/2024

Council action (or sets hearing): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Public Hearing (if required): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Deadline: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Background and Alternatives Explored:

Adoption of the North Scott Urban Renewal District master plan, rapid growth and development of residential housing in the surrounding areas, in particular the Ravara and Vilagio Projects, and preliminary analysis through the Parks, Recreation Open Space and Trails master planning efforts indicate the existing White Park property is not optimally located or sized to meet the needs of the surrounding neighborhood. Further, City redevelopment plans identified that a portion of the park is needed for extension of the public rights-of-way for Palmer Street, further impacting the useful size and dimensions of the parkland.

The proposed resolution of intent initiates notice provisions for affected neighbors; outlines the required steps to sell the property, and provides transparency regards the City’s intentions on how funds from sale of the parkland will be used for neighborhood benefit.

Sale of the parklands provides an opportunity to acquire property nearby that is better located and sized to more effectively and fully serve both planned and existing residential development (Exhibit A). Directing funds from sale of the parkland for acquisition and development of the replacement parkland is consistent with City Ordinance provisions and is a fiscally sound approach to ensuring City residents will be better served by the sale and use of proceeds.

Financial Implications:

Sale of a portion of the parkland will defray costs to develop the replacement park. Parklands will be acquired through Urban Renewal and Open Space funding.

Links to external websites: