

To: **Missoula Park Board Members**  
From: Projects and Planning - Neil Miner, Parks & Trails Design/Development Manager  
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RE: February Park Board Report

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North Riverfront Parks and trail Masterplan: The department is currently teaming with the Downtown Partnership to complete a master plan of Caras, East Caras, and Bess Reed parks, as well as Ron's River Trail with a consultant. In addition, we will internally complete the masterplan of Kiwanis and Downtown Lions Park.

The Drift/Riverfront Triangle: With this development kicking off, I will work with the developer to ensure that the Land Use Agreement, approved by City Council, is followed. This agreement provides for the extension of Ron's River trail, as well as plazas, streetscape, parking, future ped bridge to McCormick park, etc.

Mullan Area Master Planning: Will represent Parks through the master planning process with City and County Planning. This is a 2000 acre area, which will need another community park, some neighborhood parks (based on plan).

Mullan Project (BUILD Grant): Am representing Parks on the Mullan Project. This is a result of being awarded the BUILD Grant. This is to install a infrastructure grid system with roads and trails. This is running concurrently with the Mullan area master planning project.

Westside Park/Lowell School: Working with MCPS/City/NMCDC partnership, we have completed a master plan for the Westside Park/Lowell play area. We have designed the playground, and have prioritized that for construction. The partnership is currently working on a capital campaign to fund the remaining portion of the playground.

Bike Skills Park: The two bike skills parks at Syringa Park (Rattlesnake), and Bellevue Park (Southgate Triangle) are open for use. The parks consist of pump tracks and skills loops aimed at the beginner-intermediate riders. Phase 2 of the Bikes Skills Park at Syringa will include a jump line, once funding is available. There is some remaining work to be complete, but the contractor was being unresponsive. I have worked with City Attorney's office to terminate the contract. I am waiting on some deliverables from contractor, and then will have the final amount available to complete the work.

Fort Missoula Regional Park: The park is full open, and we are working through the remaining punch list and warranty items. The last Oversight Team meeting occurred on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and we are closing out and spending down the remaining balance on approved items

Russell Street: Construction continues on the project. The underpass for the Milwaukee trail is open and the stairs should be open soon. This project also includes

many new bike/ped enhancements, both along Russell, across the bridge, and crossing under the bridge on each side of the river.

Higgins Bridge: Involved with the design of the new Higgins Ave bridge. The new bridge deck will have improved active transportation options on each side, new stairs to Caras Park, and a revised intersection at 3<sup>rd</sup> street. The new design will greatly enhance the non-motorized connectivity in downtown. Construction will occur in 2020 or 2021.

Bonner Band shell: Work with Missoula City Band to expand storage and provide ADA access to stage, as well as any other necessary structural updates.

Rattlesnake Recreation Plan: assisting Morgan with the recreation plan as part of the dam removal project. As well as expansion of trail/trailhead parking on NWE site.

Playfair Park: starting to compile information and existing conditions to begin work for the master planning process. Currently on back burner until we have adequate staff time to work on it.

Northside Pedestrian Bridge: We will be putting out a request for proposals to redeck the Northside pedestrian bridge. The current decking is deteriorating, and we will look at replacing it to extend the life of the structure.

Waterworks Trailhead Parking: We will complete this project to add much needed parking to our most used trailhead. This will be one of our first projects from the bond, and will be a partnership with Public Works, Engineering, Missoula Water, and a private developer to improve the access road, complete a trailhead and parking area, and an accessible loop path.

River access and revegetation: this will also be a bond project, and will look at hardening river access points to control access and erosion, which will allow us to revegetate many user made access points along the Clark Fork.

Target Range Ponds: The Knife River/JTL ponds will likely be transferred to the City soon, so will begin to look at what that looks like from a revegetation, use, management, and design.

Red Fern Park Master Planning/annexation: Working with neighborhood to complete master plan of neighborhood park.

Bellevue Park shade shelter: Working with Climate Smart and Trees 4 Missoula to install a small shade bench shelter. Installation happening currently.

Design Manual: Revisions to design manual, ongoing

Fairgrounds/Playfair Commuter Trail: trail open, punch list and warranty ongoing through next season

Rose Park: upgraded ada access & Portalet, currently working on design & budget

Koly Park: upcoming master plan in conjunction with Conservations lands plan for islands and park area.

#### Subdivision Review/ ROW Vacation/Development Review

Development remains in high gear, with a lot of coordination and review necessary with Development Services, Development Review Team, Engineering, and Developers. Have been diligent in implementing the Active Transportation Plan and P&R principles and standards through the fury of development. In addition to standard development, there

is a big increase in Subdivisions within the City limits, as well as large Townhome Exemption Development (TEDs).

This coordination is vital to ensure we get necessary useable parkland with the subdivision/development. The speed of development is unreal at the moment, and missing a critical connection or parkland would be detrimental.