



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Parks and Conservation
Item: Agreement – County/City Fairgrounds trail
Date: September 9, 2020
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Ward(s) Affected:
 Ward 1 Ward 4
 Ward 2 Ward 5
 Ward 3 Ward 6
 All Wards N/A

Action Required:

Approve an Agreement between Missoula County and City of Missoula for maintenance and operations of public trails across the Fairgrounds and Playfair Park established in conjunction with development of the Fairgrounds Master Plan

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: approve the County-City Agreement for Fairgrounds trails and authorize the Mayor to sign agreement.

Timeline:

Referral to committee: September 14, 2020
Committee discussion: September 16, 2020
Council action (or sets hearing): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
Public Hearing: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
Deadline: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The adopted Fairgrounds Master Plan provides for new paved, non-motorized public trail connections linking the Fairgrounds and Sentinel High School to Playfair Park and the YMCA. The trail connections benefit residents and surrounding neighborhoods. The agreement provides for public access with regular trail maintenance of specified public trails by the City. City of Missoula will provide for trail sweeping, mowing, snow removal, irrigation, lighting, associated utility costs and minor repairs. Missoula County will be responsible for future long-term major repairs and replacement of the trail.

The City joined the University of Montana and Missoula County Public Schools in recognizing the broad values of the Fairgrounds Master Plan as identified in the Central Park Joint Resolution Missoula Redevelopment Agency (Resolution 8345). Missoula County Board of County Commissioners approved this agreement on August 6, 2020.

Financial Implications:

The cost of maintenance and operation of the new trails are expected to be minimal and will be absorbed by the Parks & Recreation Department.

Links to external websites:

