

Missoula City Council Parks and Conservation Committee Minutes

August 26, 2020

11:50 AM

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

Members absent: Jordan Hess, Jesse Ramos

Others present: Staff present: Corena Maurer, Neil Miner, Jolanda Cummings

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes from July 15, 2020

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Purchase Polygon Park Shelters

Neil Miner presented the proposal for the purchase of the Polygon Park Shelters from Play Space Designs.

Mr. Miner shared photos of the proposed shelters.

Mr. Miner shared the plan for Westside park phase 1.

Sandra Vaseka asked if the shade shelter was a pergola. Mr. Miner stated yes it will just be for shade and not full cover.

Ms. Vaseka asked if the neighborhood input was the reason for just shade and not full cover in this area. Mr. Miner states that this is per neighborhood preference.

Mirtha Becerra asked about the portalet enclosure at Westside park and the changing station. Mr. Miner explained how the changing area would look and how it would work.

Ms. Becerra asked about the baby changing area and where it would be located. Mr. Miner stated it would be in the changing area.

Ms. West made the recommended motion and stated this project has been done in close partnership with Lowell and the Missoula County School District.

Ms. Vaseka wants to make an amendment to include full shade on the shelter.

Ms. West would not accept this as an amendment.

Mr. von Lossberg would not accept as a friendly amendment.

Ms. Vaseka made an amendment to only include the portalet enclosures for the purchasing and not the shade shelter.

Stacey Anderson asked if this was part of a bulk purchase. Mr. Miner stated yes, we would be saving on freight. If we chose to order in the future we would be responsible for freight charges.

Mr. Miner stated that we get a lot of shelter reservation requests in our parks, especially near splash pads.

Julie Merritt stated the park shelters do get used every day in the summer.

Ms. West stated this shade shelter is part of the approved master park plan.

Amber Sherrill states it is important to invest in our parks according to what neighbors want and are requesting.

Ms. Vaseka believes it will be a waste of money to only purchase the shade shelter and not a full cover shelter.

Moved by: Heidi West

Approve the purchase of the Poligon Park Shelters from Play Space Designs for \$69,675.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.

AYES: (9): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John Contos, Heather Harp, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

NAYS: (1): Sandra Vasecka

ABSENT: (2): Jordan Hess, and Jesse Ramos

Vote results: Approved (9 to 1)

Amendment:

Moved by: Sandra Vasecka

Amend the motion to only include the portalet enclosures for the purchasing and not the shade shelter.

AYES: (2): Heather Harp, and Sandra Vasecka

NAYS: (8): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John Contos, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (2): Jordan Hess, and Jesse Ramos

Vote results: Failed (2 to 8)

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 pm.

Submitted by: Corena Maurer

City of Missoula, Parks & Recreation