

**COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2013-025
CITY RESOLUTION NUMBER 7769**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARDS AND ADVISORS OF THE
MISSOULA COUNTY AND MISSOULA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS,
MISSOULA YMCA,
MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA AND MISSOULA COLLEGE,
AND THE CITY OF MISSOULA PARKS AND RECREATION
TO ESTABLISH A CENTRAL PARK PARTNERSHIP
FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 160 ACRES OF
PUBLICLY OWNED LANDS IN CENTRAL MISSOULA
(AS BOUNDED BY SOUTH AVENUE, BANCROFT STREET, RUSSELL
STREET, AND PATTEE/MACDONALD AVENUES)**

WHEREAS, approximately 160 acres of centrally located land in Missoula, Montana (CENTRAL PARK) is owned by the residents of our State, County and City for the public benefit and is currently used for schools, parks, recreation, trails, and the county fair [said land is depicted in the map attached hereto]; and

WHEREAS, this publicly-owned acreage is maintained, managed and beneficially used by and for the people through the City of Missoula Parks and Recreation, the Board of County Commissioners, the YMCA (as a long-term tenant), the University of Montana, and Missoula County Public Schools (collectively the PARTNERS); and

WHEREAS, the PARTNERS share similar missions and broad goals in providing quality services to the public through education, recreation, preservation and/or stewardship; and

WHEREAS, coordination, cooperation, and partnerships among the PARTNERS is a strongly supported community value, and can positively impact sustainability and support; and

WHEREAS, the 160 acres of land are currently used in diverse and beneficial ways, but the potential for improving access, efficiencies, quality and other benefits, is enhanced through partnering; and

WHEREAS, greater benefit and increased public support may occur if maintenance, security, utilities, access and other issues pertaining to the stewardship and use of the land are enhanced through establishment of an area-wide plan; and

WHEREAS, open and increased communication by the PARTNERS regarding planning, use, management and stewardship of the 160 acre CENTRAL PARK lands enhances our shared ability to serve citizens more efficiently, and to maximize the use of our publicly-funded resources; and

WHEREAS, the parties support the concept of PARTNERING for planning, programming and public services in the greater 160 acre CENTRAL PARK lands area, and also support the following concepts:

- Identifying the appropriate employee or delegate to act as liaison to the PARTNERSHIP;
- Maximizing use of all facilities by the community and in conjunction with our Partners;

- Sharing resources, including, but not limited to, equipment, parking, staffing, programming and services, where legal and viable to improve efficiencies;
- Planning together to benefit the greater good of the community, while remembering the needs of each PARTNER, (the University of Montana anticipates the eventual transfer of its Missoula College lands within the 160 acres, which will one day be owned and/or managed by another PARTNER and thus commits to considering the future needs of another owner or manager);
- Providing, permitting and promoting public access, specifically pedestrian and bicycle access, in such a way as to increase circulation while improving safety, security and support of the greater area;
- Providing coherent and engaging pedestrian and bicycle access and connectivity, such as shared wayfinding signage and appropriate landscape design implementation, so as to enhance the public perception and access to the 160 acre CENTRAL PARK lands;
- Communicating in a timely fashion project, initiatives, and events that may impact the PARTNERSHIP or one of the PARTNERS;
- Supporting current successful uses and users, if the general public benefits and supports that use;
- Establishing policies, systems and protocols that enhance efficiencies, planning, communications, management, maintenance, access, and use, or that minimizes waste and resource consumption; and
- Gathering information and exchanging ideas among the PARTNERS and communicating regularly to the PARTNERS' elected officials and administrators and to the public at large;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARDS AND ADVISORS OF MISSOULA COUNTY AND MISSOULA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, MISSOULA YMCA, MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA AND MISSOULA COLLEGE, AND THE CITY OF MISSOULA PARKS AND RECREATION WISH TO ESTABLISH A CENTRAL PARK PARTNERSHIP FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 160 ACRES OF PUBLICLY OWNED LANDS IN CENTRAL MISSOULA (AS BOUNDED BY SOUTH AVENUE, BANCROFT STREET, RUSSELL STREET, AND PATTEE/ MACDONALD AVENUES).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT NOTHING IN THIS RESOLUTION OR PARTNERSHIP DIRECTS OR OBLIGATES THE PARTIES (PARTNERS) HERETO BEYOND THE PREPARATION AND CONSIDERATION OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

SIGNED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2013

MISSOULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/Michele Landquist	03/28/2013
Michele Landquist	Date

/s/Bill Carey	03/28/2013
Bill Carey	Date

/s/Jean Curtiss	03/28/2013
Jean Curtiss	Date

MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

/s/Toni Rehbein
Toni Rehbein, Date
Board of Trustee's Chairperson

/s/Alex Apostle
Alex Apostle, Date
Superintendent, MCPS

CITY OF MISSOULA PARKS AND RECREATION

/s/John Enge	03/28/2013
John Engen, Mayor	Date
City of Missoula	

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

/s/Hugh Jesse
Hugh Jesse Date
Director of Facilities Service

ATTEST:

MISSOULA YMCA

/s/Martha L. Rehbein 03/28/2013
Martha L. Rehbein, CMC
City Clerk

/s/ Jon Lange

Jon Lange, Executive Director Date