

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD AGENDA
HEADWATERS CONFERENCE ROOM
600 Cregg Ln.
Missoula, Montana
July 9, 2019, 12:00 PM**

I. Administrative Business

- A Roll Call-- [History](#)
Members Present: Dale Harris, Sonja Verlanic, Wendy Ninteman,
John O'Connor, Johnna Eisenman

Members Absent: Chris Ryan, Ross Mollenhauer

Guests: Madison Doner; NBC Montana

Staff Present: Donna Gaukler, Ryan Applegate, Cassy Gladwin
- B Approval of minutes - June 11, 2019 Meeting-- [History](#)
Wendy Ninteman moved to approve the minutes. Sonja Verlanic seconded
the motion. Minutes were approved as posted
- C Announcements-- [History](#)
Montana Rail Link Park ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for
Thursday, July 11, 2019
- D Public/Guest comments-- none [History](#)

II. Action Items

- A Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Requests and Prioritizations--Ryan [History](#)
Applegate

Ryan Applegate gave a presentation on the departments fiscal year 2020
budget requests and prioritizations. Ryan outlined the department's mission,
strategic goals, and funding priorities. The main operating budgets from fiscal
year 2017 to 2019 were also reviewed. The committee made discussed the
presentation and discussed the ranking of priorities.

Dale Harris – how much was funded in the previous fiscal year?
Ryan Applegate – around \$100,000 in budget enhancement requests. Park
District allow any savings to be retained which is a benefit in budgeting.

Sonja Verlanic – can the department ask for a budget when taking on new
maintenance of parks, boulevards, etc.?
Donna Gaukler –cost to maintain is provided by department upfront; won't
receive operational funding new park/boulevard, etc. is up and running,

Dale Harris – Park District increase contribution to Aquatics
Ryan Applegate - contribution from Park District was included in FY2019
requests but not funded. There has not been an increase since 2009; the only
increases seen have been through gate increases/admissions

Wendy Ninetman – when looking at increasing aquatics fees, how is that decided? Is it a flat fee increase and/or is ability to pay considered?
Donna Gaukler – an assessment is made before changes are implemented. Scholarships and sliding fees are available to the public.
Ryan Applegate – public has taken advantage of punch cards; price per swim is more cost effective than individual entry.

Johanna Eisenman – are there licensing issues for drivers of small bus versus van?

Ryan Applegate – no, max amount of passengers that can be driven without CDL is 14

John O'Connor moved the Missoula Parks and Recreation Board support the departmental prioritizations of the FY 20 annual budget enhancement requests including edits/comments from meeting.

Johanna Eisenman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B Review 2019 Open Space Plan draft and make recommendation to Open Space Advisory Committee--Donna Gaukler [History](#)

Donna Gaukler introduced the item to review the draft 2019 Missoula Urban Area Open Space Plan. Donna provided background of Open Space chapter of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROST) Plan, public survey, and update process.

The committee discussed the plan and recommended making edits in the the following areas;

Foreword – need to address why a new approach has been taken on the plan; provide more information related to climate trends, and social equity

Section III – provide more information on the mission

Figure 2 – suggest updating visuals of cornerstones, anchors, green space

Section IV – consider adding bullet for Stewardship

Figure 3 – suggest updating approval chart to include CLAC and Park Board roles

Section VI – Carbon Sequestration; need to add more information on carbon

Section VII – Growth: growth is seen as a challenge but can also be viewed as a positive

Wendy Ninetman moved the Missoula Parks and Recreation Board recommend, (with edits and comments reviewed today) the Open Space Advisory Committee accept the Draft Open Space Plan (with edits) make a final recommendation to City Council and Planning Board encouraging approval of the 2019 Open Space Plan. Johnna Eisenman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-2.

Yes: Wendy Ninetman, Johnna Eisenman, Sonja Verlanic

Nos: Dale Harris, John O'Connor

Members voting “No” voiced issue that the current decision making process does not include the Conservation Lands Advisory Committee, and Parks & Recreation Board’s role with decision making or importance of stewardship.

- C Rose Memorial Park Playground Signage--Nathan McLeod [History](#)

Donna Gaukler introduced the item to approve playground signage at Rose Memorial Park. The sign is small and highlights three logos.

Discussion of logo use on signs and exceptions took place.

Johanna Eisenman moved the Parks and Recreation Board approve Rose Memorial Park Playground Signage including KaBOOM! and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana Logos.
John O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1

Yes: Dale Harris, John O'Connor Wendy Ninetman, Johnna Eisenman
Nos: Sonja Verlanic

III. Presentations/Discussion/Updates

- A August Meeting and Agenda-- [History](#)
- 1. Greenway and Horticulture Presentation and Tour-- [History](#)
- B Director's Report-- [History](#)
- C Staff Reports - Rec Administration; Conservation Lands; Systems & Services--Shirley Kinsey, Morgan Valliant, David Selvage [History](#)
- D Department Updates-- [History](#)
- E Inclusion Working Group Update-- [History](#)
- F Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails (PROST)-- [History](#)

IV. Future or Held Items

V. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned 1:57pm
Cassy Gladwin
Recreation Accounting Technician