

Central Park Partnership* Meeting
Monday, April 29, 2013
11am – 12:30pm
Missoula County Fairgrounds Bldg #12

Agenda

Public comment – non agenda items

Discussion/Action

- Determine leadership, meeting dates, agenda setting, public notification, and posting of summary minutes
 - Consider appointing a subcommittee to create the structure, rules, and necessary components to obtain the shared goals of the MOA
- Updates on the following-
 - FG board and master plan (Steve)
 - Each entity regarding events, projects, and plans (MCPS, YMCA, UM, Co-FG, MP&R)
 - Parking Audit Workshop / Review Agenda for April 29 Evening Session, 5pm-7pm; April 30 Morning Session 9:30am - 11:30 am; Afternoon Session 12pm - 1:30pm (Steve)
- Review of goals and establishing possible next actions

Adjourn

*See attached Resolution for an explanation of the Partnership

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-025

**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

MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Michele Landquist 3/28/13
Michele Landquist Date

Toni Rehbein, Date
Board of Trustee's Chairperson

Bill Carey 3/28/13
Bill Carey Date

Alex Apostle, Date
Superintendent, MCPS

Jean Curtiss 3/28/13
Jean Curtiss Date

ATTEST:

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Wickie M Zuer
County Clerk & Recorder Date

Hugh Jesse Date
Director of Facilities Service

CITY OF MISSOULA PARKS AND RECREATION

John Engen, Mayor Date
City of Missoula

MISSOULA YMCA

ATTEST:

Marty Rehbein, City Clerk Date

Jon Lange, Executive Director Date