

Description	Board of Park Commissioners Monthly Meeting		
Date	02/21/2007	Location	Board of Park Commission
Time	Speaker	Note	
5:14:16 PM	Call to Order	Call to Order. Board Members Present: Vice Chair Patrick Finnegan, Bob Logar, Rick Fink, and Jack Clarkson. Staff Present: Glenda Howze and Mike Harris.	
5:14:37 PM	Patrick Finnegan, Acting Chair	Approval of Minutes of December 20, 2006. (not listed on the agenda)	
5:14:45 PM	Jack Clarkson	Motion to approve the minutes of December 20, 2006 as written.	
5:14:58 PM	Bob Logar	Second.	
5:15:02 PM		All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.	
5:15:05 PM	Patrick Finnegan, Acting Chair	I. Public Comment. There was no public comment on matters not on the agenda.	
5:15:13 PM	Patrick Finnegan, Acting Chair	II. Action Items. Letter of approval for placement of ground water monitoring well in the Park Lot at Cimarron Subdivision No. 2 (letter sent to Park Commission on January 10, 2007: well already constructed)	
5:15:24 PM	Michael Harris, Coordinator	Explanation of request.	
5:16:23 PM		Questions and Discussion.	
5:16:48 PM	Jack Clarkson	Move that we approve the placement of the groundwater monitoring well in Cimarron Subdivision 2.	
5:16:59 PM	Rick Fink	Second.	
5:17:09 PM		All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.	
5:17:17 PM	Patrick Finnegan, Acting Chair	III. Discussion Items.	
5:17:24 PM		Update on Regional Park Development.	

5:17:25 PM	Michael Harris, Coordinator	Discussion regarding e-mail from former FOR Parks member; Land and Water Grant; reclamation work - County Commission has signed off on 3 of the 4 buy-sell requirements; other work needed on the Park; and report on meeting with Bill Pond regarding community charrettes for master planning of the Regional Park and details of event.
5:21:23 PM	Rick Fink	The Library conference room is available on the 12th and 26th, but the big room is not available after 12-3 on the 12th. The room is reserved for these dates and Rick will reserve the smaller conference room for the 12-3 time frame on the 12th.
5:23:52 PM	Michael Harris, Coordinator	Mr. Pond's group needs current contours on the Park and a new aerial photo. TD and H has said they could do the new contours for \$1,200 - \$1,500. Originally we had a contract with them for the full facilities master plan but I don't know how that is falling together. Larry is working on that and where we are going to get the money. The Commissioners don't care how it gets done, they just want the Park open. We may want to have TD and H go ahead and do the contours. Cash in lieu is a possibility as we don't have the budget internally.
5:26:03 PM	Michael Harris, Coordinator	The Dinosaur Playground appears to be on hold. Mr. McConnen has indicated that they aren't going to pursue it at this time. FOR Parks had Park Commission permission to go ahead and pursue it, but the County Commission said not until there is a master plan in place. It doesn't sound like they have another place to put it. The County Commission wants to meet with the Board of Park Commissioners to iron out who is responsible for what segments, who is doing what, etc. The County Commissioners wanted to see the four contractual items through but the rest is in the hands of the Board of Park Commissioners.
5:28:00 PM		A joint meeting, possibly at the Executive Committee meeting, with the County Commissioners may clear up a lot of this.
5:28:25 PM	Michael Harris, Coordinator	The City of Bozeman needs a new location for a Fire Department. They feel like Baxter Meadows area is a good place and they would like to discuss purchasing an acre and one-half on the Regional Park for this station. They would consider putting bathrooms on the edge of the Park for park users. They understand that they would have to pay for the land. I told them that I'd prefer to work out a maintenance agreement that would compensate for the value of the land until the purchase price is covered. The City Parks

		department could maintain the park, trails, etc. Aside from the negative of losing part of the park land, you'd have someone on site 24/7 to provide some security and it would provide some public safety in the event someone is hurt. It would also solve a maintenance issue for a certain period of time as well. I see this as a win-win. One of the areas that they would like to consider is in the YMCA lease area, so that may need to be revisited. There has also been discussion about placing the new 911 Center on the Park as well, so maybe there could be a 3-acre parcel for this purpose.
5:30:38 PM		Questions and Discussion
5:32:33 PM	Rick Fink	Volunteered to keep on top of this matter and discuss it further with various City personnel.
5:32:58 PM		Progress on County-wide Park Master Plan Development
5:33:19 PM	Michael Harris, Coordinator	We are supposed to have an update of the current rules and regulations and have completed the master plan by this point. We are behind. The big push was to put out for a funding levy in 2008. This isn't going to happen with the Jail still pending.
5:34:23 PM		Discussion regarding questions for City leaders and/or City Planners. The first step is to get the City leaders to agree that they want to be part of a regional type system.
5:35:05 PM	Patrick Finnegan, Acting Chairman	I believe that we were going to write this up as a letter, send it to the Planners, with some kind of deadline. When the questions are returned, then we'd do a wider-area survey for more public input. Once the survey is complete, then we can figure out a regional service level - where it would need to be and what kind of park would be appropriate.
5:36:18 PM		Other outreach options would be guest editorials and use of the County's survey monkey and/or another survey tool. The survey could also include other areas besides parks to get a wider response.
5:37:24 PM		Mike Harris agreed to prepare a cover letter for the questions to planners and city leaders. Glenda will send the letter and questions when Mike has the letter completed.
5:45:34 PM	Patrick Finnegan, Acting Chairman	IV. Other. Discussion regarding Joint Meeting with the Fairboard. The time and date hasn't been confirmed yet. Glenda will let everyone know when this has been set.
5:47:20 PM	Patrick Finnegan,	V. Set Agenda, Meeting Time and Location. Discussion on Fire Department location on the Regional Park; Budget for

	Acting Chairman	the Regional Park Master Plan; and Update on the Regional Park Master Plan and the County-Wide Master Plan.
5:48:15 PM		The new FOR Parks President should be invited to the next Board of Park Commission meeting.
5:49:38 PM	Jack Clarkson	Motion to adjourn.
5:49:43 PM		Meeting adjourned.

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