

<b>Description</b>	Board of Park Commissioner's Monthly Meeting.		
<b>Date</b>	03/21/2007	<b>Location</b>	Board of Park Commission
<b>Time</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Note</b>	
<a href="#">5:11:41 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	<p><b>Call to Order. Board Members in Attendance:</b> Chairperson Debbie Deagen, Vice Chair Patrick Finnegan, Rick Fink, and Jack Clarkson (6:00PM). <b>Staff in Attendance:</b> Mike Harris and Glenda Howze. <b>Guests in Attendance:</b> Auditor Jennifer Blossom, John Leeper (Big Sky Community Corporation), Stan Wagner (FOR Parks).</p>	
<a href="#">5:11:51 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	<p><b>I. Public Comment.</b> Auditor Jennifer Blossom presented her Audit of the Park Fund under Public Comment.</p>	
<a href="#">5:12:08 PM</a>	County Auditor Jennifer Blossom	<p>Presentation of Park Fund Audit. Currently the cash balance is \$71,549.82. In addition to this, another fund line item for investment cash shows \$20,000. There is more work needed to be done to determine where the \$20,000 came from. Finance Office Ed Blackman said the money was set aside in the 1990's due to a policy. All the money is in located in Fund 2210. The Commission has since approved eliminating this reserve requirement. One deposit was made this fiscal year in the amount of \$4,266.83. All of the information available at this time is on the spreadsheet. It is not clear without further investigation that all of the money spent was done so on the subdivision for which they were submitted. If this is the type of assistance and information the Board is requesting we need to know where you want the process to start (time frame).</p>	
<a href="#">5:17:19 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	<p>The law didn't go into effect requiring the money be spent where it was collected until quite awhile after we'd been spending some of these funds. There would be a point in time that anything forward we'd have to look at, and then some of the projects that were countywide facilities would be pretty certain to qualify. If we do some generalizing, we'd find they were broad enough in their expenditure to serve a large enough area that we shouldn't have a problem.</p>	
<a href="#">5:18:08 PM</a>	Auditor Blossom	<p>On some of the older claims, the description on some of them is very vague - like to Service Electric, that it would be difficult to determine what park they were spent on without further research. The Auditor's Office is happy to do the</p>	

		research if that is the direction the Board wishes to go in with the Audit.
<a href="#">5:18:46 PM</a>	Rick Fink	What does the law say, does it have to be spent in the area or the subdivision?
<a href="#">5:18:58 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	The money has to be spent to serve the subdivision. The people there need to benefit somehow by what the money is spent on.
<a href="#">5:19:08 PM</a>		Discussion regarding the nexus between where the money is collected and where or on what it is spent. The law changed in 2003, so from there forward the money needed to serve the area from which it was collected. The money can be spent on maintenance as long as it serves a "reasonably close proximity to the proposed subdivision."
<a href="#">5:23:37 PM</a>		There has been no money spent on parks since 2003.
<a href="#">5:24:46 PM</a>		Auditor Blossom will forward any new deposits or expenditures to staff for presentation to the Board.
<a href="#">5:25:42 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	Once Mike gives us a history of the law, then we'll have to set up some type of districting so that "reasonably close proximity" is defined and the money is spent in the appropriate area.
<a href="#">5:27:01 PM</a>		(Continued) Public Comment. There was no further public comment on matters not listed on the agenda.
<a href="#">5:27:23 PM</a>	Patrick Finnegan	Asked if the April 13th Executive Committee meeting could be moved back to April 12th. The Board agreed.
<a href="#">5:27:58 PM</a>		<b>IV. Discussion Items - Update on Regional Park development.</b>
<a href="#">5:28:04 PM</a>	Stan Wagner, President, FOR Parks	We've had a turnover in the last year of about 50% of the board members. FOR Parks direction is going to change. It is critical for us to see some project go off successful in the next year. I'm excited to hear that PC Development is going to move forward and that the Land and Water Grant can be applied. I see our niche as being a fundraising arm and a community involvement arm. I feel we'll be working a lot closer together and I'll try to start attending most of these meetings. I will also get you the records that FOR Parks has for the Regional Park.
<a href="#">5:30:53 PM</a>	Patrick Finnegan	We had our discussion this morning about funding. You are aware of where our funding problem is. Is there something that FOR Parks can do to help us on the planning side?
<a href="#">5:31:17 PM</a>	Stan	We can't help with funding of the planning side of things.

	Wagner	<p>Our funds are donations and those donations were made for structures, for action items. The planning issue is not something that we can help with the funds that we have. We've even had discussions about how long we can hold on to them before we have to give them back. Maybe we have to do the park in pieces. I'd love to see the Dinosaur Playground on the park, but if it doesn't move forward we'll put it at the Museum of the Rockies and we'll do another one at the park at some point in the future. However, I cannot re-purpose the monies that we have at this time.</p>
<a href="#">5:32:57 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	<p>Thanked Mr. Wagner for all of his hard work.</p>
<a href="#">5:33:01 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	<p><b>Continued Discussion Items - Debrief on morning meeting with County Commissioners.</b> This morning we met with the County Commissioners. At the meeting we talked about the vision of the Commissioners for our park system. Bill Murdock had a very progressive visionary look. Commissioner Skinner stated that he values parks and recreation but doesn't see that the County can pay for it, but that it may be taken care of through the subdivision process. Commissioner White was more laissez-faire attitude that the private sector will provide for those needs. I'm not sure how much he would be willing to strengthen the subdivision regulations, if any, but I think Commissioner Skinner may come through on this end to a degree anyway. We also discussed the maintenance issue of how in our strategic plan we talked about going for mill levy for maintenance in 2008, but we're more aware of the jail issue ramping up and the County Commission would not be very pleased with a mill levy vote on this in 2008. I'd like to propose that we remove that from our strategic plan at this time. Perhaps Mike could prepare the language to update the plan. We then talked about cash in lieu funds and up to 50% of that can be used for maintenance. I think the Commission felt overall like we shouldn't rely on that source for maintenance since it is an ebb and flow kind of fund. I sensed that a top-priority for the County Commission is funding and completion of the master plan for the Regional Park. Commissioner White asked for a budget for maintenance on the Regional Park as well. We also talked generally about the countywide master plan. I thought previously that they were in the loop on what we were doing, but I guess they're not. We have \$40,000 from Open Lands to do the countywide master plan, but Mike doesn't think that is enough. We asked for assistance from</p>

		Planning Staff, but they are so short handed right now none of them can be spared for this purpose.
<a href="#">5:37:24 PM</a>	Patrick Finnegan	Commissioner Murdock mentioned changing the strategy on cash in lieu to order to build funding for additional planning. In essence, in the planning stages, developers could be encouraged to minimize parkland and participate in cash in lieu instead.
<a href="#">5:38:14 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	Most of the subdivisions will put open space in their development for sale value. However, State law does allow the Commissioners to require cash in lieu. The developer could still put open space into their project, but would be required to contribute the money also. This is politically unpopular, but feasible. The State law will probably change this year to allow us to collect cash in lieu on minor subdivisions.
<a href="#">5:38:43 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	Commissioner Murdock gave me a note telling me to talk to the Belgrade, Bozeman, and Gallatin County Planning Departments to ask them to require all subdivisions that would benefit from the Regional Park to contribute cash in lieu exaction, in combination with their dedicated parks and trails towards improvements to the Regional Park. This would be forming a service district around the Regional Park and our policy over the next period of years to get the regional park developed; there will be cash in lieu rather than land.
<a href="#">5:40:39 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	We'll continue to meet with the Commissioners as needed.
<a href="#">5:40:52 PM</a>	Mike	I think we did get clarification - they've seen our goals, they understand what we're doing. I got the impression that they were telling you to keep going with what you're doing. You have their support to keep going. They want to see planning.
<a href="#">5:41:41 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen.	<b>Continued Discussion Items - Debrief on Big Sky Trails issue.</b>
<a href="#">5:41:54 PM</a>	John Leeper, Member of Big Sky Community Corporation Board	I am a Big Sky Community Corporation Board member and I'm working on the Four Corners Neighborhood Plan and the zoning document and working with the Monforton School Board and their design of the new campus setting. On the <u>Big Sky Community Corporation</u> we have an active trails committee that meets once a month and we have our master plan all in place. We have a maintenance committee which

		<p>goes out and hikes the trails (12 miles of trails that we're responsible for and 66 miles that we have an interest in.) The big issue that came up recently was on the Spur Road. We hired Stahly and Associates and had a contract in place for the bridge when we found out that the County had been sitting on our Memorandum of Understanding since October. The State and the County weren't agreeing on the liability issues. Our staff attorney managed to get the State and the County on the same page and we were able to get the bridge ordered this afternoon. We hope to have the bridge in place by Memorial Day. Most of money for this is coming out of the resort tax but we've also requested money from Fish, Wildlife and Parks and also from the Three Rivers Communication System. I write most of the grants. The problem that we have is that our community corporation, which is not a municipality, can't usually receive this type of funds. It is also difficult for us to work with the County because they have priorities. People look at Big Sky and say 'they have money, they don't need our help' but that isn't true. The County is our government and if we have to request money through the County, then we have to do it. We also don't have a liability shield and we rely on the County for that too. We have an enormous park going in. We're still working on trying to get a municipality going, but it is difficult because we are in two counties. Meanwhile BSOA (Big Sky Owner's Association) acts primarily as our government, but it doesn't include all of our community. We are an ongoing organization with money and we are committed to do the maintenance. In order to solve the issue with the trail, the BSCC agreed to take all the liability for the trail. We also had to do a save harmless contract with Three Rivers Communication because we're building a trail over their fiber optic cable. We are going to put in more trails and have a party this spring for new trail initiatives. These are a great asset to the community, everyone can use them and they are part of the investment if we want to be a world-class resort. We are competing with other resorts for people to come here. Our County needs to step up like their counties are. There are a lot poorer counties like Cascade that do a much better job supporting the trails and their parks. The only park that we'll have in Four Corners is one at the school. We've got some other areas set aside, but it isn't clear to me that they'll be any use to anyone. If we've got developers that are willing to put park land in, we need to have it put next to the highway so that the public can get to it, with available parking. I think the two Commissioners</p>
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		without a Park Vision are depending on us to give them a vision, and we need to give them a broad vision. If it isn't a broad vision, nothing is going to happen. My vision for the trails system in Montana is for a trail from Yellowstone Park to Glacier Park. Part of this will be in Gallatin County. I also have a group of people working on the old 16 Mile and we're trying to get that open for the public to access again.
<a href="#">5:51:07 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	Inquired about the Four Corners Neighborhood Plan - the language basically says supports parks and trails.
<a href="#">5:51:21 PM</a>	John Leeper	The language of the plan is great, but putting the Zoning District together is another story. No one is interested in incorporating open space because it isn't value gathering. The County has to buy the land; these people aren't going to donate it. The Flikkema property has some excess land that is bordering on the school. Someone needs to suggest that that be where the parkland is because parking and access would be readily available. The neighborhood plan has been adopted. The Zoning District has to use that as their constitution and then they have to move ahead with Zoning. It says that there are no arterials and that they have to protect Hyalite Creek.
<a href="#">5:53:48 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	The Commission has been talking about doing this with service areas. Four Corners is an unincorporated city. The zoning plan won't dictate where the parks go, it is just going to be like any other subdivision that a certain amount has to be dedicated. If within that we could, or the people in Four Corners could decide where they want those parks located, that is where the subdivision exactions come in. When a new subdivision comes in, instead of them dedicating that there, they use the money from that subdivision to pay Flikkema for a little more land next to the school to add on to that central park. The tough part is that we never know where we want the parks until it is too late. With Flikkema's, they had the school and then they tried to attach the additional land in the subdivision next to the school. The other area we talked about in Four Corners is behind the Ice Garden there is a lot of area that runs up the river along the tree line. This isn't an area that you would want to see developed and it would be a great passive recreation area.
<a href="#">5:55:34 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	That would be through the neighborhood planning process? They'd have to go back and look at it more in depth and possibly revise their plan with assistance from the Planning Department.

<a href="#">5:56:05 PM</a>	Patrick Finnegan	I appreciate your efforts on 16 Mile Creek, it is near and dear to my heart.
<a href="#">5:58:47 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	<b>Continued Discussion Items - Debrief on meeting with Fairgrounds Board</b>
<a href="#">5:58:59 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	There were three main things that I got from that meeting. They are still interested in talking about joint maintenance of the Regional Park. The County Commission is pushing them to be more independent so they don't have extra money. I also threw out a potential shared levy, like a Parks and Fairgrounds levy. I think the main area that we need to coordinate careful is with our amphitheatre events. There was a question about whether we would be charging for our amphitheatre events. If we are doing it for free and they are charging we may have a problem and we need to coordinate and have continuity between the two county programs. I invited them to participate in the Regional Park planning effort and said that I'd send them a copy when we have a completed park master plan. We mostly need to keep the lines of communication open.
<a href="#">6:01:53 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	<b>Continued Discussion Items - Progress on County-wide Park Master Plan Development</b>
<a href="#">6:02:07 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	We do have \$40,000 for doing a countywide master plan. We're not going to be able to contract with anyone for a complete plan for this amount. We will need to do a lot of the work in house, but a lot of the information has already been compiled in various formats. We have the new State Scorp survey coming out soon, Big Sky has done their green prints, there is a lot of data collected on the regional park, the City (Bozeman) has just finished theirs, Belgrade is going to be doing impact fees for parks. There is a lot information that we can pull together to come up with the first phase of the plan. I had one student contact me about a summer internship and this may be a good way to get started to get the information pulled together. We would have to pay the intern to keep them, but it may be a good idea to bring this person on and have them focus on just the county-wide plan.
<a href="#">6:03:58 PM</a>		Discussion regarding the appropriate duties for an intern that has qualifications as a landscape architect.
<a href="#">6:05:42 PM</a>	Michael Harris,	Should we put out a solicitation for a summer intern or a part time planner to do this work, pulling the information

	Coordinator	together and get the plan started?
<a href="#">6:06:07 PM</a>	Patrick Finnegan	I would say that yes, we want to go ahead with the position, but we need to have a set of duties so that folks that are applying know what they are in for. If we are having them gather data, collate, and putting it into a comprehensive package that we can digest, they need to know that this is what will be expected.
<a href="#">6:07:05 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	My recollection of our master plan is that level of service determination. That is step one. We are going to get into estimates of cost for delivery and maintenance at the later stages. What we asked at the Executive Committee was for Mike to prepare a budget and proposal for the master plan development - what needs to be done, how much money, what potential people could do it, etc. The first stage could be done by a senior, but the later stages we would need someone else. It would be good if Mike could come back to us with this information, proposals for how to best use the \$40,000 to get it done or at least a phase of it.
<a href="#">6:08:26 PM</a>	Patrick Finnegan	We know what our budget is, what can we do for \$40,000. We at least need someone in here to start looking at the data.
<a href="#">6:08:40 PM</a>	Rick Fink	Discussion regarding workspace location for this person and equipment they would need to complete the task and contract issues.
<a href="#">6:09:56 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	Agreed to come up with a list of tasks and estimated costs.
<a href="#">6:10:44 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	My gut feeling is that a summer intern could pull that first level of information together. I'd like to see what we're talking about cost wise with their salary, etc. We probably won't have a lot left at the end.
<a href="#">6:12:17 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	To determine what it will cost to maintain or provide passive recreation facilities, primitive trail type atmosphere vs. a ball field, which are two very different things, we have to categorize what those are - figure out that level of service. We know what types of facilities are out there, but we haven't figured out if they're sufficient. Once we've come up with an idea of what areas are sufficiently served and what areas we need to address more, this will help us bring together the information that Commissioner White is looking for - how much money do we need to provide that level of service.
<a href="#">6:13:06 PM</a>	Jack	It will be a lot more than they want to here. We need to tell

	Clarkson	them that. I don't want to have over conservative estimates or worst case; there is a middle reality zone. If the focus is on dollars, then we have to bring in the dollars and see what the objections are. If you want to say that this is our vision, visions aren't reality. Here is the vision, here is where we are with this, this is what has gone into this so far, this is what it will take to complete and maintain it, and this is what the assets are and the people that are involved. You can't just look at the dollars. We can't start with the vision that there isn't any money or it won't ever go anywhere.
<a href="#">6:15:39 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	On the Regional Park, in terms of the vision, that is what we'll be doing in May. The master plan will be pie in the sky with things we can't afford, but we'll whittle away and do the parts that we can at this time. The engineering study is to say how we can get water to the first phase things. Those dollars are coming out of cash in lieu - the regional park planning. As far the county-wide master plan, we've been charged with updating the 1989 study for the whole county but we're not going to be able to do the whole county with what we have, we'll have to do it in parts as well.
<a href="#">6:16:27 PM</a>	Jack Clarkson	We need to figure out the best use of the \$40,000, get someone that cohesively collate that information and present it in a meaningful document that we can give to people to show them what we have and what we need.
<a href="#">6:17:22 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	This means a lot of volunteer work.
<a href="#">6:17:37 PM</a>	Jack Clarkson	If you can get an intern to begin to tackle this that has enthusiasm for it, we can get a lot done. There are also a lot of things we don't know. If we can pull what we have together meaningfully, we will then have a reference document for do-ability. We need to make this investment so that we have a starting point.
<a href="#">6:20:16 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	If we can get a proposal for an intern, then we'd have an idea of what we'll have left at the end. We also need to have the next steps prioritized.
<a href="#">6:20:36 PM</a>		<b>II. Approval of Minutes</b>
<a href="#">6:20:41 PM</a>	Jack Clarkson	Motion to approve the minutes of February 21, 2007 meeting.
<a href="#">6:20:46 PM</a>	Patrick Finnegan	Second.

<a href="#">6:20:50 PM</a>		All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.
<a href="#">6:20:54 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	<b>Update on Fire/911 Station at the Regional Park.</b>
<a href="#">6:21:15 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	<p>The City of Bozeman Manager and County Administrator met with the Fire Department and 911 Center and basically the concept that we talked about at the Executive Board is that the Bozeman Fire Department needs a new fire station. The Regional Park area is a good location. The 911 Center needs a new location as well. They have looked at land behind the Rest Home, but that land is needed for other facilities the County needs to build. The 911 and Fire Department proposal is to build one building together and they could share costs of things such as the backup generator, a shared wall, etc. They propose doing it on the Regional Park. The original site that they looked at was on the northwest corner, and they looked at another on Oak Street, but the power lines on Oak would interfere with their repeater functions. We asked why they weren't considering the Fairgrounds where the Emergency Operations Center is, but it is not good to put all of the emergency functions in the same location in the event a disaster of some sort were to happen in that area. What I explained to them that it is possible, it is legal, the one caveat is that there has to be some benefit to the Regional Park. If you're taking land away from that park, there has to be some benefit to that park. If there is any land given up in that park, they need to buy it, put the cash back into the park for something. We didn't come up with a dollar amount, that would take an appraisal. They need 2 acres and we'd need to do some zone changes as well. It will probably come to about \$200,000. If they do locate there, one of the benefits is that the fire station would be on site immediately as a 24/7 site providing some level of security as well as medical services available. They would also help put in some of the infrastructure. We told them that they have to visit with FOR Parks as well since they have been the lead on the development of the Park. The original draft of an agreement stated that they would pay us a lump sum and then we could contract back with the City for maintenance on the Park until that money was used up and then the County would annually put a certain amount of money into the Park fund for the regional park for the same thing for maintenance or construction activities until that money is used up. Or if they gave us a lump sum we could contract with outside services for the</p>

		<p>maintenance. The thing brought up by Commissioners White and Skinner this morning is that there is no money for maintenance of the park and no plan for it. This would help us get the park open sooner and faster by sacrificing 2 acres. If the location they are looking at works, it may help get the Dinosaur Playground in sooner because it would take care of the infrastructure concern that we had because the City would be doing the all the geo-tech and engineering work and it takes care of the safety and security concern. If it is close to the Fire Station and playground near each other, you aren't going to have people out there doing vandalism, and if you do, people are going to see them. Also, if you have a hurt kid, there are first responders on site. I think it is doable, but the other critical issue is that 911 needs a tower. They may be able to do line of site microwave instead, but if they decide they have to have a big tower, there is no way that will fly. They are still working on that issue. Right now it is all in concept, but when they have a proposal they will bring it before this group. You should have the proposal before you at your April meeting if it is going to move forward.</p>
<a href="#">6:27:22 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	<p>I missed the last meeting so I sent an email around. I'm very curious about FOR Parks comment, as this wasn't land purchased with general fund dollars, but purchased with open space funds. I want to know how it is going to sit in the community that we are using land purchased with those funds for a fire station and 911 facility. I think FOR Parks would be a good gauge of how the community will feel about this. This could be a slippery slope where other things come asking to use a part of the park.</p>
<a href="#">6:28:21 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	<p>That is the reason that the law reads the way that it does. If you convert or divert that property from the original destination, it has to be replaced by property of equal, size, use and value within a three-year period. We have to replace that.</p>
<a href="#">6:28:42 PM</a>	Chairperson, Debbie Deagen	<p>I thought that you were talking about maintenance dollars.</p>
<a href="#">6:28:48 PM</a>		<p>Discussion regarding whether the law requires the land be replaced or whether the money can be used on maintenance and still be within the bounds of the law.</p>
<a href="#">6:29:02 PM</a>	Michael Harris,	<p>The County is in the process of purchasing another piece of parkland within the City of Bozeman that would work for</p>

	Coordinator	the diversion to replace that property if it is taken out. You would be converting the two acres for money to go back into the Regional Park and meeting the standard of law because you're adding more parkland.
<a href="#">6:29:20 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	Then the maintenance funds would go away?
<a href="#">6:29:24 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	No, you can still use that money for maintenance.
<a href="#">6:29:26 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	What money?
<a href="#">6:29:32 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	The money from converting the 2 acres.
<a href="#">6:29:34 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	So you're talking about roughly 200K that is used by what entity to buy land in the City of Bozeman?
<a href="#">6:29:44 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	We're already buying the land in the City of Bozeman. There are ongoing projects that we're working on that would be used to replace that.
<a href="#">6:29:51 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	From the land board dollars? And then the \$200,000 goes into the maintenance for the City of Bozeman.
<a href="#">6:29:59 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	It would be just like taking \$200,000 in bond funds and using it for maintenance and improvements on that park - it is perfectly legal to do so. But, instead, you're converting part of the land to put that money in there rather than taking new bond dollars to put in there.
<a href="#">6:30:25 PM</a>	Patrick Finnegan	I'd like to ask Stan to keep on top of this as well and let us know how FOR Parks feels about it.
<a href="#">6:30:30 PM</a>	Stan Wagner, FOR	This came up in Debbie's email to us and there are varying degrees of acceptance of the idea. However, reality is there is no money, no way to maintain it, and no infrastructure. If we can get the Fire House out there and have some of those things happen and be very clear to the public that this is where the money is going and this is what it is allowing us to do, I can't see anyone arguing with it. I'm from Denver and Wash park has a firehouse in on the east corner. There is landscaping around it and you really don't know that it is

		there. If this allows us to go forward, I think we're okay with it. The fear is that the land gets whittled away and the money goes somewhere else. The location is a good one and we need that firehouse down there. If it can benefit the park, I'm all for it.
<a href="#">6:31:54 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	With the two ponds and the amphitheatre, those are two features that will draw a lot of people. Both of them with concerts and every day users, I'd feel a lot better with a fire station on site.
<a href="#">6:32:18 PM</a>	Jack Clarkson	Plus for the fire department, that could be their show station. One that would be excellent for taking kids through, etc.
<a href="#">6:32:50 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	That proposal will be brought before this board for your input when we have one ready.
<a href="#">6:33:06 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	<b>III. Action Items - Process for Regional Park Master Plan Charrettes</b>
<a href="#">6:33:15 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	I sent out an email with the groups to invite. Our Executive Committee met back in September and talked about creating a design committee. These are folks that we need to have on board to allow us to implement the master plan.
<a href="#">6:33:22 PM</a>		Discussion regarding the list for the design committee and invite list to the charrette.
<a href="#">6:35:40 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	We had envisioned that the charrette would go on in May and then it would come back with any unresolved issues for this group to work through to get the master plan in a shape to come to us for approval in June by this Commission.
<a href="#">6:37:37 PM</a>		The dates need to be re-set due to conflicts. Rick will visit with Bill Pond on potential dates.
<a href="#">6:40:30 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	The whole community will be invited to participate, it can be noticed on the county website, and then specialized groups/individuals will be invited too. The next step is to find a contact person and address for each one. We need to get this out as soon as we have the dates set.
<a href="#">6:42:19 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	Three other things that Bill Pond wanted brought up tonight. He'd like to have a site visit the week before the first charrette. This would have been May 5th, but that date will change as well. He also has an invite from the Big Timber charrette that he'll get to us to look at and possibly model after.
<a href="#">6:43:14 PM</a>	Michael	I talked to our pilot and he said that wouldn't be a problem.

	Harris, Coordinator	He'll get us an aerial photo as soon as he can, when there is no snow on the property.
<a href="#">6:43:28 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	The other thing is that we have all these groups that are coming and it would be good to have an idea of who they represent, their members, what they think the facilities are that they need, what they could contribute as far as construction and maintenance, and some feel of the demand for their area locally and regionally. Bill Pond said that he would work up a questionnaire that would go to these groups so if they can't come to the charrette they could contribute that information in writing for the planning process. He will work on that and it will be included with the invite.
<a href="#">6:44:36 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	I think that at the last meeting Bill Pond asked for money for the contours and the aerial photo. At the last meeting you said you didn't know where that was.
<a href="#">6:44:55 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	The aerial photos we have taken care of with Alan English. The contours, right now we're at the point that FOR Parks is ready to sign off on the layout for the final phase of the contractual trails, which will also get us to start implementing the LWCF Grant portion. With that Larry needs to get going on the contours. I think that we will end up piecemealing that out. We'll end up contracting with TD and H to do a new set of contours, and then do the master plan. Then we'll take it to the next steps of the facilities and the engineering from there. We just don't have time to wait. I think we'll probably just direct contract with TD and H to do the contours. Some of that has to be done before the finalization of the contract with PC Development because they have to give us as-builts. Friday we're meeting to talk about finalization of the trails plan and to get the LWCF Grant moving. From that point out of the park fund we'll probably just go ahead and contract to shoot the contours of the park.
<a href="#">6:46:44 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	So this will be done for Bill (Pond) when he needs it for his work?
<a href="#">6:46:48 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	They need to at least get the trails laid out to a degree before the contours. I don't think there will be any changes to the contours.
<a href="#">6:47:17 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	The other thing that you handed out today was a timeline from the buy-sell to when it is all in our laps.

<a href="#">6:47:57 PM</a>		Discussion regarding timeline. Phase 1 is all County Commission original contract. Phase II is where we get into the LWCF project and is all land and water conservation projects.
<a href="#">6:48:54 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	I guess on the LWCF side, there wouldn't be a lot of need to run it through this group, other than for informational purposes, because all the contracts will be through the County, approved by the County Commission. This phase will be advisory only for the Board of Park Commission.
<a href="#">6:50:10 PM</a>		The next phase is the Master Plan Charrette.
<a href="#">6:50:34 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	We're looking at adoption by the Park Commission, of the plan, by June 20th. We'll then do a courtesy presentation to the County Commission.
<a href="#">6:51:18 PM</a>	Chairperson	The next is the infrastructure and preliminary engineering contract. Where are we with that?
<a href="#">6:51:32 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	We are going to end up having to piecemeal it out. We probably have enough, \$70,000 in cash-in-lieu to fund quite a bit. That is kind of up to Larry. I'd go a lot cheaper, but Larry is pretty adamant about what you have to do for engineering and all that for the County's liability purposes. I think he's going to get a dollar amount and we'll have to work around that.
<a href="#">6:52:07 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	Will he be visiting with us about that?
<a href="#">6:52:10 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	Yes.
<a href="#">6:52:17 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	Then the maintenance estimate - that is part of that project. At the end we'll know that at the end of phase one for three ball fields what we'll have to pay for maintenance?
<a href="#">6:52:32 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	I think that Ron Dingman crunched some numbers for us because that was part of the deal with the Fire Station. He came up with \$150,000 to \$170,000 a year to do the maintenance on that. He was thinking maintenance on a park and I was thinking of mowing it twice a year and leaving it alone. I'm going to stretch that money a lot further, but your maintenance total will be close to that overall for a year. We need to break that down to a facilities level. When we build a facility, what will we have to have for maintenance of that individual area?

<a href="#">6:53:20 PM</a>		Discussion regarding costs of maintenance and how to budget for that over the years.
<a href="#">6:54:24 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	When someone builds the soccer fields, part of building it, a certain portion of the money will go into an endowment to take care of the maintenance on it, because we don't know when we'll have a maintenance budget.
<a href="#">6:56:23 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	Earlier we talked about our ability to put a park maintenance levy in front of the voters. Today with the Commissioners we talked about this and understand that the jail is the first priority now. I think we should visit about a timeline, because we know that in a certain number of years we'll need this whether it is brought forward from our group or from the community.
<a href="#">6:56:52 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	It doesn't take the County Commissioners to put it on the ballot.
<a href="#">6:56:57 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	I think that this is something that maybe we should talk about, some timeframe. I know the jail has been floating around for eight years now. Are we going to put everything on hold? We need to have that discussion with the County Commission at some point.
<a href="#">6:57:14 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	The City looked at a park maintenance district, but I don't think that went very far. Everyone is in the same boat of looking at how they are going to come up with money for maintenance.
<a href="#">6:57:27 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	I don't think we're looking at that until we have our master plan in place and some feel for what we need and why.
<a href="#">6:57:33 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	I think it would be real tough to go to the voters for a levy for park maintenance. It may pass, but if it wasn't enough, then what? That is where the level of service and regional service areas to share resources works.
<a href="#">6:58:08 PM</a>	Jack Clarkson	It is too bad we couldn't do what Fish Wildlife and Parks does and put a 50-cent <u>optional</u> tax on automobile registration. Most people don't even know that is on there. But, 50 cents a head on every household in town, that would be a lot of money that would keep us going.
<a href="#">6:59:46 PM</a>	Michael Harris, Coordinator	That funding, the public is going to get to the point that they will want it.
<a href="#">6:59:57 PM</a>	Chairperson	I think it would pass tomorrow if we had a demonstrated

	Debbie Deagen	need and a viable proposal.
<a href="#">7:00:17 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	<b>VI. Set Agenda, Meeting Time and Location</b>
<a href="#">7:01:04 PM</a>		April 18 is the next Board Meeting. Executive Committee meeting on April 12. The charrette master planning process dates will be set ASAP. Report on the master plan funding from Mike and job description for the intern. Cash in lieu is done. Fire Station update.
<a href="#">7:02:02 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	I would like to set a target date for Regional Park opening. If we don't set a date it just doesn't happen. We'd like a grand opening with the Board of Park Commission, FOR Parks, and the County Commission.
<a href="#">7:04:16 PM</a>	Jack Clarkson	I move to adjourn.
<a href="#">7:04:21 PM</a>		Meeting adjourned.
<a href="#">7:05:26 PM</a>	(Skate Park member)	We've formed a non-profit corporation in the State of Montana. Our 501C3 status is pending. We expect to do 100% of all the fund raising for the skate park and any other possible infrastructures that might entail with that like a portion of the parking lot and the restrooms. We understand the help that we could give the County as far as raising that money. Our budget that we've set for the skate park that we understand we might receive is around \$800,000. We'd also like to include another minimum of \$250,000 to \$300,000 to contribute to the other areas such as parking lot and restrooms. We would love to set up an endowment for the maintenance of the skate park, I know that is a big issue for things such as litter and graffiti. We meet regularly once a month and we'll be holding our first fundraiser in April at the Procrastinator Theatre. We're trying to raise between \$2 and \$9 thousand dollars to have a company to do the actual design of the skate park. I've been trying to attend the Big Timber skate park meetings as well. That is where we're at and we're trying to work as quickly as possible to help you guys out.
<a href="#">7:07:28 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	I generally send the agendas out, if I have your email I can add it to the distribution list. Then you can let us know if you want to be on the agenda.
<a href="#">7:08:41 PM</a>		We have a skate park in the City of Bozeman

<a href="#">7:08:49 PM</a>	(Skate Park member)	Right now there are a couple issues with the park in Bozeman. It is too small to create an area for people to learn. Because of the size, there is a lot more potential for collisions and injury. Bikes are starting to use the park more, and they create a bigger issue for the park. They use the park in a completely different way and they have more potential to damaging the park. There are a lot of people that don't use it any more because of the number of people using it. We believe that it is a huge explosion in this state and all over the world. It is like a baseball diamond; only two teams can play at a time. I see this as a growing need. We need to create a venue for individuals that aren't interested in team sports and those types of activities. This is a sport that can be done for as long as your body can take it. A bigger facility would possibly allow for us to section areas off for clinics and that type of thing but still allow public use at the same time. This park could serve the whole valley, and if we get 28,000 square feet, that would be the largest skate park in Montana. People will come from all over the Country to skate on it. Montana is the next hot spot for skate boarding.
<a href="#">7:12:44 PM</a>		Individual talking is not on a microphone - not able to discern who is talking or what they are saying.
<a href="#">7:13:35 PM</a>	(Skate Park member)	The non-profit that we're developing will not dissolve after the skate park is built. Our mission statement is to empower all the communities in the valley to build free public skate parks and to also enhance all aspects of the skateboard community. We intend to stay in existence to help with maintenance issues and anything else that arises with it.
<a href="#">7:14:04 PM</a>		Individual talking is not on a microphone - not able to discern who is talking or what they are saying.
<a href="#">7:14:31 PM</a>		Discussion regarding bike users on the Skate Park facility and the damage that they cause.
<a href="#">7:15:37 PM</a>		Individual talking is not on a microphone - not able to discern who is talking or what they are saying.
<a href="#">7:15:47 PM</a>	Jack Clarkson	In Hemet, California they have a bunch of senior citizens that are authorized to write parking tickets to those who are illegally parked in handicap parking spaces. The tickets are \$300. There are places where volunteers can write tickets.
<a href="#">7:17:38 PM</a>	Chairperson Debbie Deagen	When we went to the Fairboard they talked about having problems with a skate park or something
<a href="#">7:17:47 PM</a>	Michael	The 4-H group had a skateboard project and they had a half-

	Harris, Coordinator	pipe. The issues they had were after hour use and the liability that went along with that for the County. (Unable to hear all of what Mike was saying.)
<a href="#">7:19:25 PM</a>	(Skate Park member)	Things that are bigger are generally safer because of the curve that allows for a more gradual fall.
<a href="#">7:20:42 PM</a>		Meeting adjourned.

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