

## CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

February 3, 2010

9:00 – 10:00 am

140 West Pine Street

**Members Present:** Marilyn Marler (chair), Dave Strohmaier, Bob Jaffe, Dick Haines, Renee Mitchell, Ed Childers, Jon Wilkins, Stacy Rye, Lyn Hellegaard, and Roy Houseman

**Members Absent:** Pam Walzer

**Others Present:** Shirley Kinsey

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

#### A. Approve minutes.

Minutes of January 27, 2010 were approved as submitted.

### II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

### III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS –

A. Appointments to the Greenhouse Gas and Energy Conservation Team ([memo](#)). – Regular Agenda (Marty Rehbein) (Referred to committee: 01/04/10)(**REMOVE FROM AGENDA**)

**MOTION: The committee recommends Council approve the appointment of Katie George as the Alternate on the Greenhouse Gas and Energy Conservation Team for a term starting immediately and ending on July 31, 2012.**

The committee reviewed the one applicant for the open position on the GGECT.

Katie George is a professor at the University of Montana and would like an opportunity to serve the Missoula community. She is interested in greenhouse gas and conservation and has experience with technology and conservation issues. She has read the Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Plan. The plan contains positive ways to evoke change and she is interested in helping to implement some of the goals. She is a bio chemist at the UM which doesn't give her any professional experience to bring to the committee but she is willing to spend her time helping the community serving on this committee. She feels climate change is affecting us and will more so further down the road. It makes sense to deal with it and try to help others understand how recycling and reduction of energy is good for everyone.

With limited discussion it was moved to appoint Katie George as the alternate to the Greenhouse Gas Energy Committee. There were two opposing votes, but the item was placed on the Consent agenda.

B. Approve purchase of 14 drain grates/shields for Splash Montana and 8 drain grates/shields for Currents Water Park ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Eric Seagrave) (Referred to committee: 02/01/10)(**REMOVE FROM AGENDA**)

**MOTION: The committee recommends approving the purchase of 14 drain grates/shields for Splash Montana and 8 drain grates/shields for Currents Water Park from Knorr Systems, Inc of Santa Ana, California for \$22,288.**

In 2007 the U S Congress passed the Virginia Graeme Baker Act and provided one year for various facilities and manufacturers to comply with the Act. The Act specifies that the Consumer Product and Safety Committee (CPSC) would be responsible for enforcement. In July of 2008, the CPSC published an interpretation of the act which determined the details of the Act including sump depth and sizes, vacuum pressure at the face of the drains and that all drains be stamped as VGB compliant. This interpretation did not exempt Splash and Currents. However, because of the size of the drains in the facility, there were no manufacturers that made drains that could be used to be compliant.

Parks staff contacted the designing engineers for the facility and began working on a solution. Staff commissioned US Aquatics to engineer a solution for Currents and Splash Montana. Part of the plan requires some minor alterations to the sumps in several of the 22 drains located in the facilities and the installation of various models of drain grates and shields.

In November 2009, the grates became available for purchase and staff began the process of requesting bids to purchase the drain grates. The bids were received with the low bid at \$22,288 from Knorr Systems.

After a brief discussion it was moved to recommend approval of the purchase of the drain grates for Splash and Currents in the amount of \$22,288. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

- A.** Budget update on aquatics ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Lyn Hellegaard) (Referred to committee: 12/21/09)**(HELD IN COMMITTEE)**

Lyn Hellegaard requested a year end review and update on Splash Montana and Currents.

Shirley Kinsey provided a staff power point report giving information on attendance, revenue and expenses for the pools and a comparison to the pro forma. Staff is working on additional programs, changes in hours and staffing and cost savings ideas to maintain the current level of subsidy for the pools. To increase revenue staff also is working on obtaining new programs to encourage rental use. Swim lesson continue to be popular and receive a 96% approval on evaluations. Aquatics staff are part of several community events facilitated by the Parks Department. The Crazy Creek Café continues to maintain a profit and is essential to the operations at Splash Montana. Overall the pools are close to the same performance as last year at this time.

Committee members had several comments and requests including having this item held in committee and getting additional information on the pools at that time. The item is held in committee.

#### **V. NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **VI. HELD AND ONGOING AGENDA ITEMS - PER COMMITTEE CHAIR – Marilyn Marler**

- A.** Support for City employee cash for Bus Commuters Program ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Ben Schmidt and Nancy Wilson) (Referred to committee: 08/24/09)

**B.** Consider an [ordinance](#) amending Missoula Municipal Code Title 8, entitled "Health and Safety," Chapter 8.28, entitled "Garbage and Rubbish" to provide for special management of garbage in specific areas within the City of Missoula where there is conflict with bears and an [ordinance](#) amending sections 8.28.010, 8.28.030, 8.28.050, 8.28.060 and 8.28.070 Missoula Municipal Code for the purpose of incorporating Missoula County requirements for residential rental units and updating terminology, enforcement authority, and waste container management ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Pam Walzer and Urban Wildlife Subcommittee) (Referred to committee: 09/14/09)

**C.** Review Conservation and Urban Wildlife Subcommittee referrals. ([memo](#)) – Regular Agenda (Marty Rehbein) (Referred to committee: 01/11/10)

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.