

Central Park Partnership* Meeting – Summary Notes (agenda in black and notes in brown)
Monday, April 29, 2013
11am – 12:30pm
Missoula County Fairgrounds Bldg #12

Attendance:

YMCA – Jason Shearer and Jon Lange

UM – Hugh Jesse

MCPS – Scott Reed

County Fairgrounds (FG) – Steve Earle

City Parks and Recreation (MPR) – Donna Gaukler

All 5 Partners were represented.

Guests – Jon Wilkins, Jerry Marks, Donna Hubbard (all FG advisory board members and also representing City Council, County Extension and 5 Valley Kennel respectively)

Agenda

Public comment – non agenda items (comment was accepted at the beginning and end of the meeting)

Donna H mentioned the community was quite supportive and pleased at the MOA partnership initiative.

Jon W shared how important the public nature of our discussions is to citizens

Jerry shared that the Extension Office is moving forward with a Learning Center and Greenhouse somewhere at the FG

Discussion/Action

- Determine leadership, meeting dates, agenda setting, public notification, and posting of summary notes. Consider appointing a subcommittee to create the structure, rules, and necessary components to obtain the shared goals of the MOA –
 - It was determined that no subcommittee was necessary. It was further discussed and agreed that the staff representing their respective agencies are primarily agents and messengers of their boards/elected officials. Projects, programs and initiatives developed through the Partnership will ultimately require approvals by the respective boards/elected officials for implementation. Therefore, **consensus** shall be used for making decisions. *Consensus was defined as an acceptable resolution (decision, recommendation, etc), that can be supported, even if not the "favorite" of each individual.*
 - Meetings were scheduled for 11am-12:30pm, the fourth Monday of January, April, and September. Meetings will be held at the Fairgrounds, unless determined otherwise. Additional workshops and meetings may be held to further efforts by the Partners.
 - Agencies will rotate the responsibility for managing each meeting among the Partners. Meeting managers will call for agenda items at least 2 weeks before each meeting, complete the agenda for public notice posting at least 6 days

before any meeting, each agency is responsible for posting per their own requirements for public notice. Meeting managers will facilitate the meeting and provide follow up summary draft notes for review by the Partners. Partners will have 2 weeks to review and provide edits. Meeting Manager will then send the final summary notes for posting (same as agendas).

- Meeting Management rotation by Partner:
 - April 2013 – MP&R
 - September 2013 – FG
 - January 2014 – YMCA
 - April 2014 – UM
 - September 2014 – MCPS
 - January 2015 – MP&R...and so on.
- Updates on the following-
 - FG board and master plan (Steve) – An updated on the FG 5 year development plan, as prepared by the FG advisory board, was provided by Steve. This plan, (attached/linked), will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on May 22, 2013.
 - Each entity regarding events, projects, and plans (MCPS, YMCA, UM, Co-FG, MP&R)
 - The YMCA is interested in gaining more parking and has plans for improvements in the next year. The YMCA is also interested in a landscape pallet (species, design, standards) for the greater 160 acres and particularly the parking areas and trails in the area.
 - MCPS is beginning their facility planning process. A consultant to facilitate the meetings has been selected and a working group is in place. The Plan will determine disposition, renovation, replacement and use of all lands and facilities held by MCPS.
 - UM plans to move Missoula College programs in the area to South Campus. More funds are needed. This process will likely take 2 years to start and several years to complete. UM and MCPS are collaborating on UM Women's softball at Sentinel HS. Until South Campus has a site for softball, UM will play at Sentinel. Facilities at Sentinel will receive upgrades to accommodate NCAA softball.
 - MP&R at Playfair Park – the baseball program batting cages and storage will move to the Little League concession site. Minor upgrades to the picnic shelter area have been completed recently. Once the FG has an adopted and more detailed master plan, MP&R is interested in finalizing a master plan for Playfair Park. An interim plan is currently in place and has been used since ~2005.

- 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)
 - This workshop has been postponed to a Mon/Tues in June due an accident the consultant had while recreating. The group noted their preference was for June 10&11 or June 17&18. The same times and format will be used as was planned for the April workshop (see agenda item above).
- Review of goals and establishing possible next actions
 - Highest goals per consensus of the Partners
 - Parking for the entire area and all partners
 - Connectivity, particularly via integrated trail system
 - Wayfinding via shared signage and landscape pallet.

Adjourn

*See attached Resolution for an explanation of the Partnership