

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

August 17, 2011

10:05 am

140 West Pine Street

Members Present: Marilyn Marler (chair), Pam Walzer, Bob Jaffe, Jon Wilkins, Ed Childers, Lyn Hellegaard, Renee Mitchell, Stacy Rye, Dick Haines, Cynthia Wolken, Dave Strohmaier

Others Present: Shirley Kinsey, Parks and Recreation

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- A. Approve minutes.
No Minutes to approve.

II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign agreements with Northwestern Energy and contractors who will install the variable frequency drive (VFD) at Currents. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Shirley Kinsey) (Referred to committee: 08/15/2011)

MOTION: THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A [RESOLUTION](#) AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENTS AND UTILIZE \$18,500 OF GRANT FUNDS ALLOCATED THROUGH NORTHWESTERN ENERGY E+ BUSINESS PARTNERS PROGRAM TO ENHANCE ENERGY EFFICIENCIES IN THE CURRENTS AQUATIC CENTER NATATORIUM.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05. Marilyn Marler read the agenda item and added that the resolution authorizes the mayor to sign a contract with Northwestern Energy for grant funding of this project. She said she supportive of the project as it offers substantial energy savings.

Shirley Kinsey, Recreation Manager, Missoula Parks and Recreation, said the project saves additional energy and reduces wear and tear on the HVAC system at Currents. The VFD would allow the system to regulate itself continuously to maintain optimum humidity in the natatorium, which will save energy and reduce the need for system shutdown after hours. She stated that the VFD acts like a throttle on the HVAC system, allowing the system to adjust its energy use as needed.

Councilman Wilkins asked how much was left in the Aquatics Reserve Fund. Kinsey stated that she did not have the budget figures in front of her at the meeting and would be reluctant to answer without documentation available. She said she would send Mr. Wilkins that information as soon as possible.

Marler called for the question or for further comments.

Councilman Childers made a motion that the authorizing the Mayor to sign agreements with Northwestern Energy and contractors who will install the variable frequency drive (VFD) at Currents. He said he liked the idea that the project will save \$4000 to 5000 per year in energy costs and reduce wear tear on Currents' HVAC system.

The motion carried unanimously.

IV. **HELD/REFERRED OR ONGOING AGENDA ITEMS –**

1. Update from Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Ben Schmidt and Marilyn Marler) (Referred to committee: 04/11/2011)
2. Discuss the city's strategy to complete a boundary survey of Greenough Park. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 04/04/2011)
3. Award contract for design, procurement and installation of park pavilion and concrete pad in Maloney Ranch Park Project 11- 07MRP. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Alan White) (Referred to committee: 07/18/2011)
4. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with MRP for procurement and transfer of wood waste to support the Missoula Sawmill Site Wood Waste Reclamation Project, per the DNRC Wood Waste Grant awarded the City of Missoula. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Alan White) (Referred to committee: 06/27/2011)

V. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.