

## CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

February 22, 2012

9:35–10:00 am

140 West Pine Street

**Members Present:** Marilyn Marler (acting chair), Bob Jaffe, Caitlin Copple, Dick Haines, Ed Childers, and Jon Wilkins

**Members absent:** Dave Strohmaier, Mike O'Herron, Adam Hertz, Cynthia Wolken

**Others Present:** Donna Gaukler

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

#### A. Approve minutes.

Minutes of [January 25, 2012](#), [February 1, 2012](#) were approved as submitted.

### II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

### III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. **[Discussion Date: 02/22/12]** Clarify who will hold the "Alternate 1" position and the "Alternate 2" position for the two members appointed to the Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team on January 6, 2012. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Marty Rehbein) (Referred to committee: 02/13/12) (**REMOVE FROM AGENDA**)

**Motion: The committee recommends Council approve appointing Amy Cilimborg as Alternate 1 and Aaron Hanson as Alternate 2 to serve on the Greenhouse Gas and Energy Conservation Team for the term beginning immediately and ending on July 31, 2014.**

It was earlier moved to appoint Aaron Hanson and Amy Cilimborg to serve on the Greenhouse Gas and Energy Conservation Team for the term beginning immediately and ending on July 31, 2014. The committee had not designated which applicant would be serving as Alternate 1 and Alternate 2. The committee unanimously voted in favor of appointing Amy Cilimborg as Alternate 1 and Aaron Hanson as Alternate 2.

### IV. REGULAR AGENDA

2. **[Discussion Date: 02/22/12]** Parks and Recreation Update. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Donna Gaukler) (Referred to committee: 02/13/12)([update](#)) (**REMOVE FROM AGENDA, INFORMATION ONLY**)

Donna Gaukler provided the committee with an update on current projects, partnerships and programs. Earlier this year Jackie Corday provided Council with the annual Master Park Plan report. Donna will schedule other staff to bring updates on various projects, and subcommittee work to the committee.

The Department has worked on the development of Partners in Parks using the concept that parks connect people. There are many ways to connect, whether it be visual, neighborhoods, or with other citizens. There are many citizens, sport associations, special interest groups and other agencies who are interested in helping with parks. This can be accomplished through:

- Volunteerism, individually or in a large group.
- Adoption – of parks, trails facilities by individuals or groups.
- Sponsorship of special events or program and or donations. Donations can be for facilities, furnishings, or trees. Parks has developed a naming policy to allow for the process of naming rights.
- Projects, partners, programs include:
  - Active Kids
  - Programs for low income
  - Capital improvements
  - Furnishings
  - Routine maintenance
  - Park site planning
  - MoBash

- Dept Event Fundraisers
- All Abilities Playground – staff is working with parents and a group on the development of an all abilities playground. The playground was chosen for McCormick Park due to access to easy parking, and restrooms and the current playground does not meet ADA standards.
- Neighborhood projects
- Friends of FMRP
- Mt. Skate Park Association
- County, State and NGO
- User groups
- MDA, BID, DM, MRA

The committee had a brief discussion on how staff deals with prioritization of projects and the role of Friends of Missoula Parks (FMP). There is a transition to a new Friends of Missoula Parks board who is working closely with the Missoula Parks Board and staff to develop a higher level of continuity with the goals established by Council and the Department.

Donna provided the committee with the example of the new Zoo City license plate, available July 1, 2012 with proceeds to go to youth program grants. Monty Dolack donated his artwork from Zoo City for the license plate.

#### **HELD ITEMS**

1. Discuss the city's strategy to complete a boundary survey of Greenough Park. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 04/04/2011)
2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an amendment to the agreement with Territorial Landworks, Inc. (TLI) in an amount not to exceed \$136,702.37 for professional services, including engineering, surveying, and construction management for Project #PR 08-02 GCT, Grant Creek Trail, CTEP #STPE 8199(105). ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Shaw) (Referred to committee: 10/24/11)

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.**