

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

July 8, 2009

09:05–10:00 am

140 West Pine Street

Members Present: Marilyn Marler (chair), Pam Walzer, Ed Childers, Bob Jaffe, Jon Wilkins, John Hendrickson, Dick Haines, and Renee Mitchell

Members Absent: Dave Strohmaier, Stacy Rye, and Jason Wiener

Others Present: Jeff Stephens, Morgan Valliant, Alan White

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Approve minutes.

Minutes of June 24, 2009 approved as submitted.

II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Award bid for fencing for the Tonkin Trail project ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Marty Rehbein) (Referred to committee: 07/06/09)(**REMOVE FROM AGENDA**)

MOTION: The committee recommends the City Council approve a contract with FenceCrafters for fencing the Tonkin Trail in the amount of \$17,950.00.

Jeff Stevens, a member of the South 39th Street Neighborhood Council has been working closely with the Parks Department to construct a trail in the south hills neighborhood. Pat Tonkin donated an easement across her land for the trail to the City. One of her request was that the trail be fenced. Grant funding and cash in lieu are being used to finance the trail project. Jeff Stevens contacted three vendors for price quotes for the fence and the low bid was from FenceCrafters. Mr. Stevens has also volunteered to remove as much of the existing fencing as necessary. The funding sources include a grant from Fish, Wildlife and Parks in the amount of \$17,820, a Neighborhood Project Fund for \$3,000 and Cash in lieu of parkland dedication for \$10,000.

After a brief discussion it was moved and unanimously approved to recommend awarding the bid to FenceCrafters in the amount of \$17,950.00. The Committee also thanked Mr. Stevens for his work on this project.

2. Change order #1 Pineview Park in the amount of \$26,269.39 increasing the contract amount to \$132,078.59 ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Alan White) (Referred to committee: 07/06/09) (**REMOVE FROM AGENDA**)

MOTION: The committee recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution for Change Order #1 Pineview Park in the amount of \$26,269.39 increasing the contract amount to \$132,078.59.

The change order for Pineview Park is to increase the contract amount with Patterson Enterprises, Inc for an additional \$26,269.30. The change order consists of six different items, provide a gazebo picnic shelter, credit to erect and install the gazebo, provide restroom enclosure and with credit to erect and install, credit to provide and construct alternative design maintenance shed and credit to provide and construct alternative electrical features.

The change order request would move funds from the Owners' budget originally designate for the gazebo, restroom enclosure and maintenance shed as well as a credits which reflect the cost savings of having the current vendor perform the work using local labor and supplies rather than fabricating elsewhere. The savings from the electrical alternative include re-using old light poles from the McCormick pool.

The original contact amount was \$105,809.20 and the change order would add \$26,269.59 (money from owner's budget and savings).

It is estimated the changes would save approximately \$16,000.

Committee members voiced their approval of re-using materials and using local contractors to perform the work as well as reducing the total cost of the project.

Alan White – we are reviewing the possibility of an add alternative to put in top soil amendment to maintain the grass. The current depth of the top soil is not sufficient and staff is researching costs and materials.

Marilyn Marler suggested if the committee had additional questions about the project to submit a referral for an update by staff.

ADDED: Rene Mitchell requested the following to added to the minutes of July 8, 2009. Renee had questioned Alan White as to whether or not the appropriate drain would be installed in the maintenance building at Pineview. Alan answered yes to Rene's question.

It was moved and unanimously voted to recommend approval of the change order for Pineview Park. The committee members thanked staff for the work done on this project.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

3. Discussion of fundraising efforts to restore the Greenough Park footbridge ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 07/06/09) **(INFORMATIONAL ITEM, REMOVE FROM AGENDA)**

In the spring of 2008 during a high run off the Greenough Footbridge was removed to prevent it from washing away and was not put back as the bridge abutment were compromised and staff assessed other damage to the footbridge.. Staff has worked with Friends of Missoula Parks, along with the Greenough Park Advisory Committee on finding funding to re-set and make repairs to the bridge and surrounding area at an estimate cost of \$13,000.

Friends of Missoula Parks have offered to help out with fundraising for the project. There is a proposed ice cream social later this summer. Staff hopes to raise funds to replace the bridge as well as a natural log diversion, trail improvement and bank stabilization. Staff hopes to have the bridge back in place this fall.

The committee members had several suggestions to help out with the fund raising project.

V. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

- A.** Discuss the ownership, licensing and permitting for Brennan's Wave ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Donna Gaukler) (Referred to committee: 09/08/08)
- B.** Approve construction contracts for Phase 1 of White Pine Park Construction ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Donna Gaukler) (Referred to committee: 02/09/09)
- C.** A policy statement for enhanced forest practices ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Marilyn Marler and Ben Schmidt) (Referred to committee: 02/23/09)
- D.** Goal setting with Greenhouse Gas and Energy Conservation Team ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Pam Walzer) (Referred to committee: 09/08/08)

VII.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.