

## CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

November 18, 2009

09:05–10:00 am

140 West Pine Street

**Members Present:** Marilyn Marler (chair), Pam Walzer, Dave Strohmaier, Bob Jaffe, Dick Haines, Renee Mitchell, Ed Childers, Jason Wiener, and Stacy Rye

**Members Absent:** John Hendrickson, Jon Wilkins

**Others Present:** Donna Gaukler, Ann Tomlanovich

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

#### A. Approve minutes.

Minutes of October 28, 2009 were approved as submitted.

### II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

#### III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approve a 30 foot wide water easement at Pleasant View Park #7 on Flynn Lane ([memo](#)).— (Donna Gaukler) (Referred to committee: 11/09/09)(**REMOVE FROM AGENDA**)

**Motion:** The committee recommends the City Council grant a 30 foot wide water easement to Stockyards Road Investments LLC at Pleasant View Park #7 on Flynn Lane.

This request is from Stockyards Road Investment, LLC to request an easement to construct, maintain and repair a water main line across Pleasant View Park #7. The Missoula Parks Board met earlier this month and recommended approval of the easement with a few minor changes made to the language regarding repair of the area upon completion of the work.

The site plan layout with general notes is correct but the actual easement presented today needs to have the recommended changes by the Park Board made by DJ&A. At the time of the meeting the revised document was not submitted by DJ&A nor was a representative present at the meeting.

The committee reviewed the easement and asked for clarification on several issues. It was agreed that the language change would eliminate the issue of settling. The standard for this type of easement is 20 feet but the request is for a 30 foot wide easement. It was speculated the additional width was needed to accommodate the removal of the soil in layers. Staff will review and photograph the area prior to construction, inspect during construction and do a final inspection of the final project.

It was moved to recommend approval of the easement. Upon further discussion a friendly amendment was made to include additional language to reflect the final surface stays at the same elevation within a 12 month period following construction. Staff will have DJ&A submit the easement with the proposed language for Council approval.

The motion was voted on with all members voting in favor of the motion.

### IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Discussion on recycling in Missoula ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Pam Walzer) (Referred to committee: 10/26/09)(**Held in committee**)

Marilyn – the last time we met we agreed the issue of recycling is important to this community and as this is a broader community issue, I would like to discuss how we move forward from that discussion.

Pam – I found this was an important issue earlier in Missoula which led to the formation of a solid waste task force in 1994. They drafted a solid waste management plan which covers many of the same issues we have today. Nothing was done as far as implementation of the plan due to the lack of funding but it may be a good starting point.

Dave – I would like to look at document and we should decide if we need to create another working group or work with the Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team. It could be we

tackle one project at a time rather than trying to work on a whole comprehensive plan. For example we could work on how to recycle electronics as one topic.

Marilyn – we could discuss recycling once a month in this committee.

Dick – it may work well to invite various businesses and discuss costs and what could be done to work on recycle issues and how can we make recycling profitable enough for someone to do as a business.

Pam – there is a group of sustainability coordinators who organized themselves and would be interested in the city being involved with their group. It may work to have a meeting to get everyone together.

Dick – we should make sure businesses have input and Council has control over process.

Dave – we could schedule an extended conservation meeting and have a panel of expert as a kick off meeting

Marilyn – a panel discussion may be more beneficial than a committee meeting setting. The committee will continue discussing recycling once a month and plan a meeting to include others interested in recycling.

Pam – today I am giving a talk about reducing toxicity of waste and where citizens can get rid of cell phones, light bulbs. There is a potential problem as we can receive waste outside of County which may contain hazardous materials.

**Public Comment:**

Ann Tomlanovich – I came to talk about an organization called Recycle Bank [www.recyclebank.com](http://www.recyclebank.com) whose objective is to encourage citizens to recycle. They partner with local businesses and waste haulers and provide citizens with a tote for recycling. The tote measures recycling and individuals are rewarded with points that can be redeemed at local businesses. This could be something citizens in Missoula can do.

**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 ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Pam Walzer and Urban Wildlife Subcommittee) (Referred to committee: 09/14/09)

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