

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

February 17, 2010
09:05 am – 10:00 am
140 West Pine Street

Members Present: (chair) Pam Walzer, Dave Strohmaier, Bob Jaffe, Ed Childers, Jon Wilkins, Stacy Rye, Lyn Hellegaard, and Roy Houseman

Members Absent: Renee Mitchell, Marilyn Marler, Dick Haines

Others Present: Donna Gaukler, Jim Nugent, Jack Stucky

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Approve minutes.

No minutes to approve.

II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS –

A. Adoption of Resolution MCA 18-4 Part 3 and accompanying rules to allow the City to use the competitive sealed proposals process for procurement of supplies and services, services. ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Donna Gaukler) (Referred to committee: 02/08/10)(**REMOVE FROM AGENDA**)

Motion: The Committee recommends Council adopt a resolution of the Missoula City Council adopting Montana Code annotated (MCA) Title 18 – Public contracts, Chapter 4, - Montana procurement Act, Part 3, procurement procedures and the accompanying administrative rules of Montana (ARM) as an alternative purchase procurement procedure.

The City has spent the last several months exploring procurement options for playgrounds. Some procurement options explored included sealed bids, purchase groups, prequalification followed by sealed bids, and design-build. After several communications with the Montana Department of Commerce, other Cities, playground companies, procurement advisors, purchasing partners and administration it was decided the City needed to adopt MCA 18.4 Part 3.

In the past the product was purchased and then bids were secured separately for installation. This allows for the purchase and install in one process for one type of supply. This process would be used for the purchase of playgrounds. A playground can be specified in general to establish a price, but can use criteria to meet the needs of the neighborhoods. The bids are sealed and selection will be based on meeting criteria and price combined. The opening of bids is open to the public. The resolution has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

It is important to note that adoption of MCA 18.4 Part 3 and accompanying ARM, allowing use of a CSP process for procurement of certain supplies and services, will not replace traditional and prior adopted procurement methods for typical procurements such as RFQ/RFP for professional architectural and engineering services, sealed bidding, and others.

The adoption of the Resolutions provides an additional, and in some cases, much more desirable method for procurement of certain supplies and services. Benefits that the City may experience may include more and better solutions for the dollar, equitable methodology based on pre-determined criteria for measuring quality and quantity of certain supplies and services, ability to incorporate special features (e.g. neighborhood preferences in playground design and selection criteria), improved management of risk, and extension of warranties.

Discussion:

Ed – are there any limits to this method and any reason not to do this?

Donna – This will not apply to construction project for contract with engineers or architects. This would be for supply and service only.

Jon – this seems like a better way to include neighborhood input however, I would like to see something included for preference for local providers.

Donna – that is included in the process but not a part of this resolution.

Jim Nugent – the issue comes down to defining the term local and that has been a discussion before but has not been resolved by Council. The term needs to be defined before including in any resolution, and this is not part of state statute so it won't fit this resolution. This resolution is just adopting state statute.

Donna – for our projects we typically give points for different items including points for using local labor, which we have defined as Missoula then Montana vs. out of state.

There was no public comment on this item.

It was moved to recommend adoption of the resolution adopting Montana Code annotated (MCA) Title 18 – Public contracts, Chapter 4, - Montana procurement Act, Part 3. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Annual Master Parks & Recreation plan report ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Jackie Corday) (Referred to committee: 02/08/10)(INFORMATIONAL ITEM – REMOVE FROM AGENDA)

The City Council and County Commissioners unanimously adopted the Master Parks & Recreation Plan for the Greater Missoula Area (“MPP”) in May 2004, which “defines the 15 to 20-year vision for the Missoula Urban Area.” Since then, the Parks & Recreation staff and Park Board have been working to implement many of its goals in order to increase the quantity and quality of parklands and recreational opportunities in and around Missoula. An MPP action item recommends the preparation of an annual report that describes the progress made toward achieving the MPP and Open Space Plan goals over the past year. This report is in response to that action item. The entire MPP is available at <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/index.aspx?NID=174>

Some of the Highlights from the list of the many projects and programs completed in 2009:

- Pineview Park renovation completed, playground scheduled for Spring 2010;
- Silver's Lagoon western nature trail and perimeter connection completed;
- Completed Lafray Park paved trail connecting to Curtis St and park fencing;
- Decreased energy expenditure significantly through better use of the air handling system and lighting at Currents and controlling splash-out loss at Splash Montana;
- Adopted a plan to comply with the federally mandated Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act - began implementation process at Currents;
- Built a new trailhead at Hidden Trails in East Missoula after purchasing 59 acres on the east side of Mt. Jumbo that provided access to the City's Mt. Jumbo open space;
- Constructed the Tonkin Trail from Clearview Way to Hillview Way
- Established an inner-tube polo league at Splash Montana.
- Developed a walking/jogging group, Lunchtime Junkies, with guest speakers addressing different topics related to healthy lifestyle choices.
- Integrated more environmental education concepts into the youth camps and all outdoor recreation programs.
- Developed an in-house fishing program focusing on water awareness and environmental impacts on lakes, rivers and streams.
- Developed more comprehensive Skateboard Camps working with MT Skatepark Association.
- For National Public Lands Day, Conservation Lands Mgt, Missoula Conservation Corp, Montana Natural History Center, and Recreation worked to complete a .25 mile trail, planted 70 trees, and cleared fishing accesses around Silvers Lagoon.
- Hosted National Playground Safety Inspector Course and Exam for the second year, certifying 4 Park Operations Staff;

- Upgrades and improvements to the Northside Pedestrian Facility are anticipated in 2010. The project, currently in the planning phase, is funded through a CDBG ARRA stimulus fund and will include structural maintenance, safety mitigation, and enhanced accessibility.
- Three outdated playgrounds will be replaced in 2010 and Lafray Park will receive its first playground thanks to a HB 645 Treasure State Endowment Program "stimulus" grant.
- Parks partnered with OPG and Public Works to help submit a TIGER grant application this fall asking for \$19.6 million in ARRA stimulus funds for substantially expanding our Bike/ped infrastructure throughout the City.
- Urban Forestry received an ~\$15K grant to implement an inventory update and software acquisition, Urban Forest (private and public) modeling, and Urban Forest Working Group to advise on furthering the goals and improvements necessary for a viable Urban Forest.
- Parks and Recreation received a \$50K DNRC Grant to study the cost benefits analysis and feasibility of reclaiming wood waste from the old Champion Mill Site (Silver Park). The testing will determine if the wood waste is viable as bed mulch, topsoil additives or other park uses.
- Partnerships with the Montana Natural History Center and others led to two grants which allowed the community to create and print a user friendly map of Missoula trails, parks and open spaces, trail markers, Biomimicry interpretive panels, and Silvers Lagoon interpretive panels.

Discussion:

Several members of the committee expressed their appreciation of all the hard work done by the Parks staff to complete project with limited resources.

V. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

VI. REMOVE FROM AGENDA

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 and an [ordinance](#) amending sections 8.28.010, 8.28.030, 8.28.050, 8.28.060 and 8.28.070 Missoula Municipal Code for the purpose of incorporating Missoula County requirements for residential rental units and updating terminology, enforcement authority, and waste container management ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Pam Walzer and Urban Wildlife Subcommittee) (Referred to committee: 09/14/09)(REMOVE FROM AGENDA)

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

- Support for City employee cash for Bus Commuters Program ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Ben Schmidt and Nancy Wilson) (Referred to committee: 08/24/09)
- Review Conservation and Urban Wildlife Subcommittee referrals. ([memo](#)) – Regular Agenda (Marty Rehbein) (Referred to committee: 01/11/10)
- Budget update on aquatics ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Lyn Hellegaard) (Referred to committee: 12/21/09)

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.