

Parks and Recreation Board

February 6, 2013
Park County, Montana

Attendance: Board members Cara McNeely, Robin Ogata and Carol Woodley; Mike Inman, planning; Clint Tinsley, commissioners; John Mueller, minutes clerk

Call to Order: @3:00:07 p.m., Vice-Chair Robin Ogata called a meeting to order in the West Room of the City/County Complex.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The board reviewed minutes from the January 2, 2013, meeting. *Cara McNeely moved to approve the minutes. Carol Woodley seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Public Comment: None

Mike Inman, planning staff, said the Commission agreed to fund a historic inventory of Park County as part of the Park County Atlas as requested by the Parks Board. Inman said board historic preservation funds would pay for data collected relevant to south of the Pop Stand, and other county funds would fund remaining data collected.

Gardiner Gateway Project Update: Inman said a steering committee and Nittany Grantworks worked tirelessly for weeks to reach the final stages of submitting a \$10.2-million Federal Lands Access Grant to assist in funding the \$27-million Gardiner Gateway Project. Inman said a 13.4-percent match equaling approximately \$600,000 in county funds over three years would be required, and many funding sources exist that would be sought to meet that number. Hopes are to hear whether the grant is funded by early fall.

9th Street Island Property Acquisition Update: Inman said the county did not acquire the property at 79 Ninth Street Island, as the bank elected to sell the property to a private party for apparently \$10,000 more than the county could pay, which was the \$120,000 appraisal amount. He said the county apparently did not have a first right of refusal of purchase, which was a point of confusion between the bank board and its head administrators.

Inman said he met with Greg Coleman, county DES, and Kent Atwood, Montana DES, to discuss creating a master plan to define the county's stance on acquiring flood-prone properties if such a potential arose in the future. He said such a plan would give taxpayers answers to the question "What will the county do with the property once it owns it?" He said he would like to involve either a subcommittee or the entire board in the process of creating the plan.

Commissioner Tinsley said a supposed half-acre of county land exists behind Arrowhead School and the school would like to use the land. Inman said county property does exist in that area and he could look into use options.

Parks and Recreation Survey Update: Inman said the survey draft was completed and publishing it to the website would not be an issue. He said all chambers of commerce he spoke with were willing to assist with getting out the survey in their communities, but assistance would be needed with getting the survey out in the county. He said perhaps the survey could piggyback with a Park County land-use survey to be put out by the planning board through MSU.

Discussion of March Agenda: Ogata asked individual board members to come up with ideas on a formal plan to implement the survey.

Woodley asked if the Parks Board could assist with creating a countywide cemetery district. Inman said that likely was not under the purview of the Parks Board.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: @4:03:46 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Martha Miller
Chair