



October 1, 2019, Billings Hotel & Convention Center,
1223 Mallowney Lane, Billings, Montana
7:00 PM Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the South Billings Urban Renewal Association was called to order at 7 pm on October 1, 2019 by President Carolyn Rukstad.

Introductions

All in attendance introduced themselves; those attending that signed in were: Debbie Keller, Sammy Handley, Scott Hanser, Carolyn Rukstad, Jeff Muri, Mike Mayott, Kelly Handley, Wyeth Friday, Jim Tevlin, Denie Joy, Michael Whitaker, Kevin Nelson, Lori Nelson, Rodney Garcia, Mike Yakawich, and Danny Choriki.

- Consultant Services Procurement – Tevlin Consulting LLC.

Public comment was held regarding the request for proposal for a Consultant for the SBURA. Community members asked to be involved in the negotiations and for a minimum of eight hours a week.

At the close of the public comment period Vice President Hanser stated Mr. Tevlin of Tevlin Consulting was highly qualified. Board member Hadley stated Tevlin Consulting LLC was a good pick if we can come to a financial agreement.

ACTION - A motion was made and seconded to approve the contract with Tevlin Consulting LLC and direct the SBURA legal counsel to enter into contract negotiations. APPROVED

- Billings Parks and Recreation Director Michael Whitaker addressed questions from the Board regarding the FY21 CIP request related to Optimist Park improvements.

Board member Barrett stated his concerns regarding a gazebo and benches around the playground. Mr. Whitaker stated a bench would typically cost \$1,200 per bench with installation on a concrete foundation, a metal frame and wood slats for seating.

Board member Barrett inquired about lighting inside and on the perimeter to cut down crime. Mr. Whitaker stated the City of Billings works with Northwest Energy on lighting. The procedure will be to add the items to the CIP and gain City Council approval. Once approved Parks will coordinate the project.

Mr. Whitaker also stated Parks and Recreation will have to update the Master Plan of Optimist Park for the additions.

City Councilman Mike Yakawich commended the work done at Optimist park.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Comments included discussion of trees trimmed to a minimum of 6-8 feet to prevent urban campers

ACTION – Barrett moved and Hadley seconded the CIP for Optimist park be amended to include a gazebo and lighting. APPROVED.

- PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments included a suggestion to cover the ditch from south-gate to the Conoco to take advantage of the greenspace

Acknowledgement of the sidewalk being added from MDU to BLM

Sponsor a roundtable discussion regarding the open sites near the Cabela's store for development

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Mayott
Secretary / Treasurer
SBURA

