

## City-County Parking Proposal

March 18, 2016

10:30 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Dan Green, Commissioner Marc Eberlein, and Commissioner David Stewart met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Clerk Jim Brannon, Chief Deputy Clerk Pat Raffee, Buildings & Grounds Director Shawn Riley and Deputy Clerk Alicia Lynch. Also present were City of Coeur d'Alene Administrator Jim Hammond, Parks & Recreation Director Bill Greenwood, Welch-Comer President Phil Boyd, citizen Russell McLain, and Coeur d'Alene staff writer Brian Walker.

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Dan Green called the meeting to order 10:30 a.m.
- B. **Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. **Old Business:** There was no old business discussed.
- D. **New Business:**

### Review and discussion of the City of Coeur d'Alene parking proposal

Chairman Green reviewed the letter of intent from the City of Coeur d'Alene proposing a joint City-County parking arrangement. He clarified that he had been the driving force behind the County's discussion to date, but the concept had not yet been approved by the full Board.

City of Coeur d'Alene Parks & Recreation Director Bill Greenwood explained that the City was breaking ground on April 1, 2016 on the smaller parking lot approved by the City Council. He added that the second parking lot would be a joint effort between the City and the County.

Welch-Comer President Phil Boyd cautioned that the project costs were subject to change as the scope of the work was still open for debate. He added that the Four Corner's project was part of the City's Master Plan.

Chairman Green was in favor of the project as it preserved County real estate, and provided parking at a one-time investment versus paying rent monthly. He said the project would be mutually beneficial to the City and the County, but he reminded the City's representatives that while the City could generate revenue from the parking, the County was obligated to provide free parking. Commissioner David Stewart stated he was in favor of the shared parking project with the stipulation that ignite cda not be involved.

Mr. Greenwood clarified that the City was partnering with ignite cda for the smaller parking lot but that would be a separate project from the parking lot agreement with the County, which he said would be an exclusive partnership.

Commissioner Marc Eberlein stated he was against an underpass and still had concerns with an overpass. Chairman Green said that an overpass would be safer for pedestrians than an at-grade crossing, and Commissioner Eberlein agreed.

Commissioner Eberlein stated that he was against the joint parking lot venture as it did not coincide with his vision for a consolidated campus and he was against using fund balance dollars for its construction. He said he would rather pay the monthly rent than commit long-term to the parking lot. Chairman Green replied that he would rather pay once and reserve the spaces permanently. He also added that he did not believe the County could dictate to the City whether or not they worked with ignite cda.

Chairman Green was in favor of getting an engineering estimate for the expanded parking lot, which he said would be a good return on the County's investment.

City Administrator Jim Hammond explained that the ignite cda parking lot was all that the City was willing to commit to. He added that if the County was not willing to enter into an agreement for the second lot, the City had no intention of building it alone.

Chairman Green asked if the costs provided by the City were the total amount or just the County's portion of the engineering estimate. Mr. Hammond said it was the total cost of the evaluation but how it would be divided needed to be decided. Chairman Green recommended a one-third City share and two-third County share split, since both would benefit from the lot. Commissioner Stewart was in favor of a fifty-fifty split. Mr. Hammond explained that the City did not have the funds to support half of the endeavor, but reminded the Board that the City was contributing the real estate. Mr. Greenwood interjected that because the City needed the \$6,700 Four Corners Master Plan line item that would be the City's portion of the engineering costs. Commissioner Stewart calculated that the County's share would be \$23,245.

Commissioner Stewart moved to proceed with engineering estimates for all three options presented for the total amount of \$23,245, with the stipulation that there would be no involvement from ignite cda. Chairman Green seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Lynch called the roll:

Commissioner Stewart: Aye

Commissioner Eberlein: Nay

Chairman Green: Aye

The motion carried.

- E. Public Comment:** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing.

Citizen Russell McLain spoke against entering into an agreement with the City of Coeur d'Alene. He inquired if the parking lot would be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Chairman Green clarified that at this time the County had not entered into an agreement with the City of Coeur d'Alene, the Board had simply agreed to pay for engineering estimates on the three options.

Buildings & Grounds Director Shawn Riley added that ADA compliance would be mandatory as it was a required building code.

Chairman Green adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DANIEL H. GREEN, CHAIRMAN

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alicia Lynch, Deputy Clerk

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