

HCC Recommendation

DATE: July 24, 2002

TOPIC: Centennial Park Flag

SUMMARY: The Old Glory Landmark Committee approached HCC with the concept of raising private funding to purchase, erect, and maintain a large American flag, pole, and lighting system for the benefit of Helena citizens. The flag pole is intended to be located at Centennial Park near the east entrance and is intended to be donated to the City with the expectation of the City to pay for lighting. Routine costs associated with maintenance of pole, flag, and accessories is intended to be paid for through private fundraising. Flag stewardship is intended to be performed by local armed forces. Project implementation is intended to be completed before Flag Day, June 24, 2003.

RECOMMENDATION: The HCC recommends the Commission accept the donation of the Centennial Park Flag on behalf of the citizens of Helena as per the intentions stated above. This acceptance includes the cost of lighting.

VOTE:

Proponents 0

Opponents 0

Abstain 0

PROPOSERS:

- Centennial Park provides citizens with easy access to flag.
- Flag is observable from many locations throughout the city at this location.
- Flag site would not be obtrusive to roads, parking areas or summer/winter maintenance.
- Flag is complimentary to Centennial and Memorial Parks.
- Flag would inspire and convey Helena's patriotic spirit.

- Lighting would not be obtrusive to neighborhood residence.
- Flag pole at this site would not interfere with air operations.
- Benefits of the flag to the City justify the cost of lighting.

OPPONENTS:

- NA

FURTHER DISCUSSION:

- NA