

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2017

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ADOPT THE BIG SKY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN AND INCLUDE IT BY REFERENCE IN THE MADISON COUNTY GROWTH POLICY 2012 UPDATE

WHEREAS, a **growth policy is a non-regulatory document** used to guide development, including subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Growth Policy Update 2012 was adopted in March 2013; and

WHEREAS, Special Districts are authorized under 7-11-1001 through 7-11-1029, Montana Code Annotated; and

WHEREAS, the Big Sky Mountain Trails, Recreation and Parks Special District was created by Madison County Commissioners in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Big Sky Meadow Trails, Recreation and Parks Special District was created by the Gallatin County Commissioners in 2011; and

WHEREAS, both Special Districts are administered through an Interlocal Agreement (2012) between Gallatin County and Madison County by the Big Sky Trails, Recreation and Parks District Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board is empowered to implement a program and order improvements for the special district designed to fulfill the purposes of the special district; and

WHEREAS, the process to create a parks and open space plan for the Big Sky area began in the fall of 2016, using a volunteer advisory committee with representatives from the Big Sky area and Madison and Gallatin County governments; and

WHEREAS, the planning process included a statistically valid survey of Big Sky constituents, a focus group and a town hall meeting, in addition to a legally noticed public comment period for the draft plan; and

WHEREAS, the Big Sky Parks and Open Space Plan, the first community parks and open space plan for Big Sky, was completed in July 2017; and

WHEREAS, at a special meeting of the Big Sky Trails, Recreation and Parks District Board on July 31, 2017, the Board voted to recommend approval of the Plan to the County Commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Big Sky Parks and Open Space Plan was not complete when the Madison County Growth Policy Update 2012 was adopted in March 2013; and

WHEREAS, after a public hearing held August 28, 2017 and due consideration of public comments the Madison County Planning Board adopted Planning Board Resolution 1-2017 recommending adoption of the Big Sky Parks and Open Space Plan and its inclusion by reference in the Madison County Growth Policy 2012 Update; and

WHEREAS, 76-1-604, MCA authorizes the Madison County Board of Commissioners to adopt, adopt with revisions, or reject a proposed growth policy after first adopting a resolution of intention to adopt, adopt with revisions, or reject the proposed growth policy or any of its parts; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the proposed Big Sky Parks and Open Space Plan (attached).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison County Board of Commissioners hereby:

- (a) Adopts this Resolution of Intention to Adopt the Big Sky Parks and Open Space Plan and include it by reference in the Madison County Growth Policy Update 2012; and
- (b) Schedules a public review and comment period, to culminate in a public hearing at 10:00 a.m., on October 10, 2017, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Madison County Administration Building, 103 W. Wallace St., Virginia City, MT.

Review copies of the revised Madison County Growth Policy document are available at several locations: (1) Madison County Commissioners Office, Madison County Planning Office, and Madison County Clerk & Recorder's Office in Virginia City; (2) public libraries in Ennis, and Virginia City; (3) Big Sky Owners Association office, Meadow Village Fire Station, and Big Sky Community Organization office in Big Sky; and (4) Madison County website, www.madisoncounty.mt.gov. Written comments on the Growth Policy should be addressed to: Madison County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 278, Virginia City, MT 59755. Written comments must be received by close of the October 10, 2017, public hearing.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Madison County Board of Commissioners this 12th day of September, 2017.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kathleen Mumme
Clerk and Recorder
Madison County

James P. Hart, Chairman

Dan W. Allhands

Ronald E. Nye
Board of Commissioners
Madison County

(Please contact the Clerk & Records Office for the "Attached" documents