

RESOLUTION NO. **06-18513**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA,
AUTHORIZING CONTINUED OPERATION
OF AN AD-HOC BALLPARK STEERING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, an ad-hoc Steering Committee was created in mid-2005 to advise the City Council on the feasibility and concept design of a new ballpark and the passage of a mill levy to fund it; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee included representatives of the City Council; the neighborhood surrounding the ballpark site; the Billings Mustangs, MSU-B and American Legion Baseball, which all sponsor teams that play in the ballpark; and City staff serving as non-voting, ex-officio support; and

WHEREAS, a bond issue to pay for the demolition of Cobb Field and the construction of a new ballpark on the same site was approved by a majority of the voters of the City of Billings in an election on Nov. 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has expressed a desire to have the Steering Committee continue to make recommendations along with the Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Board to the City Council on issues related to the design and construction of the new ballpark; and

WHEREAS, according to Sec. 2-224. Ad hoc council advisory committees of the City Code, the City Council must adopt a resolution identifying the purpose of an ad-hoc committee, the scope of its responsibilities, the composition of the committee and the duration of its service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The duties of the Ballpark Steering Committee are hereby formally extended to include providing advice along with the Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Board to the City Council on design and construction of the new ballpark for the City Council's final decision.
2. Building plans, concepts, timetables and related issues will be reviewed with the Steering Committee by the architects and City staff for the purpose of obtaining the members' comments on them.
3. The Ballpark Steering Committee will consist of City Councilmembers Richard Clark, Jim Ronquillo and Vince Ruegamer; neighborhood representative Shirley McDermott; Woody Hahn, Joe Studiner, Jim Iverson and Ron May, representing

the organizations that will provide baseball programs at the new ballpark; a member to be named by the Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Board; and, as ex-officio, non-voting members, City Facilities Director Saree Couture, PRPL Director Mike Whitaker and Park Planner Mark Jarvis.

4. The Ballpark Steering Committee will meet at least monthly until a new ballpark is constructed and opened in June 2008.

Passed and approved this 27^h day of November 2006.

THE CITY OF BILLINGS

By: _____
Ron Tussing, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Marita Herold, CMC/A AE, City Clerk