AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

DATE: 11/19/12  DEPARTMENT: PW - Parks  DEPT. HEAD SIGNATURE: 

SUBJECT: Presentation on Park Naming Plan for rodeo grounds – Werthheimer Park

AUTHORITY: [ ] ID Code  [ ] IAR  [ ] City Ordinance/Code
(IFAPPLICABLE)

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The Hailey Historic Preservation Commission and the Parks & Lands Board have both recommended renaming the rodeo grounds to honor the donation to the City of Hailey by Leopold Werthheimer at the time of his death in 1913. The property was called Werthheimer Park from that time until fairly recently. The "rodeo grounds" reference was a "working title" used during fundraising efforts by the Parks & Lands Board for the present project.

Rob Lonning of the Hailey Historic Preservation Commission and Janet Fugate of the Parks & Lands Board will be making the presentation on this subject.

FISCAL IMPACT / PROJECT FINANCIAL ANALYSIS: Caselle 

Budget Line Item #  YTD Line Item Balance $  
Estimated Hours Spent to Date:  Estimated Completion Date:  
Staff Contact:  Phone #

Comments:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY OTHER AFFECTED CITY DEPARTMENTS: (IFAPPLICABLE)

[ ] City Administrator  [ ] Library  [ ] Benefits Committee  [ ] Streets
[ ] City Attorney  [ ] Mayor  [ ] Treasurer
[ ] City Clerk  [ ] Planning  [ ] Police
[ ] Building  [ ] Public Works, Parks
[ ] Engineer  [ ] P & Z Commission
[ ] Fire Dept.

RECOMMENDATION FROM APPLICABLE DEPARTMENT HEAD:


ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS/APPROVAL:

City Administrator  Dept. Head Attend Meeting (circle one) Yes  No

ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Date

City Clerk

FOLLOW-UP:

*Ord./Res./Agrmt./Order Originals: Record  *Additional/Exceptional Originals to: Copies (all info.):  Copies (A&S only)

Instrument #
Next year (2013) marks the 100 year anniversary of the gift to the City of Hailey from Leopold Werthheimer that led to the naming of the property on the south edge of town in his honor. Mr. Werthheimer was born in Germany in 1854 and immigrated to the United States in 1872. After spending two years in New York, he moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and entered the clothing trade with his uncle. At the age of thirty he moved to Hailey and opened his own men’s clothing and furnishings store in the Bullion Block. Four years later he was able to buy the building. Following the fire of 1889, which destroyed all the buildings on this block, Leopold Werthheimer and J. C. Fox built the four-unit complex shown in the photograph on the right. Werthheimer reopened his business, the present home of Luke’s Family Pharmacy, on the site of his former store that had been located in the Bullion Block building and continued to operate there until his death in December of 1913.

As recorded in the Dec. 29, 1913 Wood River Times: “Mr. Werthheimer was a director in the Hailey National Bank, a clothing merchant, a stock grower, rancher and money lender. He was substantial, charitable, progressive and a believer in the future of this region. His death is a public calamity.”

The front page story of the December 30, 1913 Wood River Times read: “Hailey Loses One of Its Best Citizens. When Leopold Werthheimer breathed his last, there expired one of the pillars of the community.”

The December 31, 1913, Wood River Times described his funeral: “About 25 sleighs carrying 4 to 10 mourners each accompanied the remains to the cemetery. But for the snow storm which lasted all day the attendance would have been the largest at any funeral seen on Wood River.” “As a mark of respect the bank, public offices and a majority of public businesses were closed from noon until after the funeral.”

Clearly, the naming of the park containing the present multi-purpose arena, Welcome Center, Skate Park and future ice arena in honor of Leopold Werthheimer was well deserved in 1913 and should be continued into the future.

Next year (2013) will provide an excellent opportunity to honor Werthheimer Park’s first one hundred years and Hailey’s rich history.
This is Uncle Sam's Own Day

WHAT, WHERE, WHEN TODAY

8:00 a.m. Patriotic Salute
10:30 a.m. Parade—Starts on North Main
11:30 a.m. Patriotic Program—Court House Lawn
1:30 p.m. Band Concert—Main Street
2:00 p.m. Rodeo—Wertheimer Park
4:00 p.m. Lawn Fete—Court House Lawn
6:00 p.m. Water Battle—Main and Bullion Street
7:00 p.m. Street Sports, Band Concert—Main Street
9:00 p.m. Fireworks—Wertheimer Park
9:30 p.m. Everybody Dance—Hailey Opera House
A PLAT SHOWING
WERTHEIMER PARK
WHEREIN THE VACATED STREETS, ALLEYS, LOTS AND BLOCKS OF THE HALEY TOWNSITE SHOWN HEREBON ARE REPLATTED LOCATED WITHIN
SECTIONS 9, 10 & 16, T.2 N., R.18 E., B.M., CITY OF HALEY, BLAINE COUNTY, IDAHO
APRIL 2011

SCALE: 1" = 100'

LOT 1
619.062 s.f.
14.21 Acre

LOT 2
231.442 s.f.
5.31 Acre

BLOCK 1

NOTES
1) Per Blaine County Title Lot Book Guarantee No. G-1576-45272, all streets and alleys within the property boundary shown hereon have been vacated by Hobby Ordinance No.273, 492 and 1048.
2) Lot 3 is subject to a Development Agreement as set forth in Instrument No. records of Blaine County, Idaho.

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WERTHEIMER PARK
GALENA ENGINEERING, INC. 
HALEY, IDAHO

Sheet 1 of 2
Job No. 5389.02
Hi Heather-
I got your message and have some comments. I do not in any way like the name suggested in the paper. I think we could easily have some kind of sign/exhibit with the history of that person (I can't remember the person name) but the area needs to draw people in!! I think something like "Hailey Gateway Park" would be more appropriate and possibly draw people to the visitors center as that name implies that some type of info about the city would be located there. A Beautiful Arching sign with the words across it would tie all it all together and indicate that people should come it!! (I am sure that is in the budget, right?!) Our visitor center has been so poorly utilized and invisible for so many years it would be great to really start to use it!
Those are my thoughts-please no obscure historical name!!
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Hailey
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