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City of Helena

TO: City Commission
FROM: Urban Wildlife Task Force
DATE: April 9, 2007
RE: Recommended Urban Deer Management & Program Actions

Pursuant to Resolution #19318, the Helena Urban Wildlife Task Force (Task Force) completed its evaluation of the interface between urban deer and Helena residents. Attached for your consideration is the *"City of Helena Urban Deer Management Plan - Findings and Recommendations of the Helena Urban Wildlife Task Force"* (Plan).

The Task Force hereby recommends the City Commission adopt and implement the following urban deer management and program actions:

- (1) **Create a Permanent Urban Wildlife Advisory Committee.** Committee shall be comprised of representatives similar to the current Task Force. Committee would be responsible for the administration of the urban deer management program, annual review of the Plan, status of new or revised management options, public outreach materials, workshops, annual inventory, etc.
- (2) **Appropriate \$30,000 - \$100,000 to an Urban Deer Management Program.** Urban Deer Management Program shall be appropriated between \$30,000 to \$100,000. Urban Wildlife Advisory Committee shall review and propose annual budget to the Commission.
- (3) **Authorize Urban Deer Management Actions.** Includes the combination of the following management actions: (1) Public Education / Outreach; (2) Landscaping / Repellents / Barriers; (3) Zoning / Ordinances / Laws; (4) Capture and Euthanize; (5) Fertility / Sterility; (6) Professional Wildlife Removal; (7) Certified Urban Hunting; and (8) Deer Tracking & Aversive Conditioning.
- (4) **Implement Urban Deer Management Actions.** The immediate (one year) implementation of management actions tailored to HCC neighborhoods. Urban Wildlife Advisory Committee to use an Adaptive Management Strategy to annually evaluate effectiveness and to consider future management actions.

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Recommendation agreed upon by the Helena Urban Wildlife Task Force signatories:

Matthew Cohn, Co-Chair Date
Representing Helena Citizens' Council

Virginia Niccolucci, Co-Chair Date
Representing Community at Large

Melissa Broch Date
Representing HOLMAC

Gayle Joslin Date
Representing Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Tom DeYoung Date
Representing Community at Large

Mike Maynard Date
Representing Chief of Police (designee)

Bob Habeck Date
Representing Helena Citizens' Council

Sandy Oitzinger, Commissioner Date
Representing Helena City Commission

Andrews Jakes Date
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