

**Community Forum Meeting
Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2009
7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers
Moderator, Kathie Snodgrass**

Captain John Mullan – Kathie Snodgrass (Rep)

Emma Dickinson –Absent

FarViews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten (Rep)

Franklin to the Fort – Jon Salmonson (Rep)

Grant Creek – absent

Heart of Missoula –Bill Flannery (Rep)

Lewis & Clark – Greg Gullickson (Rep)

Lower Rattlesnake – Absent

Miller Creek – Absent

Moose Can Gully – Lyle Guerts (Rep)

Northside –Absent

Riverfront – Absent

Rose Park – Absent

South 39th – Absent

Southgate Triangle – Hans Christiansen (Rep)

University District – John Firehammer (Rep)

Upper Rattlesnake – Don Sims (Alt)

Westside – Absent

City Council Liaison – Jon Wilkins

Neighborhood Liaison –Erin Scott

Others Present

Marty Rehbein, Addi Jadin

Quorum

Quorum is present.

Adoption of Agenda (items from consent agenda can be moved to committee reports by any CF rep as deemed necessary at this time). **Mr. Gullickson** moved to adopt, **Mr. Firehammer** seconded.

Approval of CF Minutes

Approve meeting minutes from: May 28, 2009; June 25, 2009; and June 30, 2009 - Special Meeting Motion to approve all made by **Mr. Flannery**, **Mr. Gullickson** seconded. All voted in favor of approving.

Public Comment (non-agenda items from audience)

None

Neighborhood Liaison Report – Erin Scott

Marty Rehbein, City Clerk, introduced Erin and provided her background experience.

Erin indicated she started doing outreach and training for the YWCA and then on the UM Campus for SARC and wanted to move toward community building, is glad to be here in this capacity.

Presentations

Missoula Community Council's Rural Initiatives OPG Addi Jadin

Rural Initiatives focuses on land conservation and restoration; park and trail management; land use planning and rural outreach. This office staffs the Land Committee and the Park Board. We provide technical assistance to Community Council's through educational workshops to provide information on links to resources and connecting citizens with agencies and professionals to assist them. The Community Council's exist as a way to have better communication between citizens and government.

There are six community councils currently: in Seeley Lake, Lolo, Bonner, East Missoula, Swan Valley, and recently West Valley. Most boundaries follow school districts, one follows sewer districts boundary and one includes five voting districts.

The process of establishing a CC is initiated by interested citizens who gather signatures for a petition to start the process. Publicity and information gathering is up to the group of citizens which is brought to County Commissioners who then have a general information meeting with folks, then a public hearing to determine if it will go on the ballot for upcoming election. Each council has between 5-7 members either appointed by County Commissioners or an election vote. The role of CC's is advisory to the Commissioners, can't impose a tax or approve a zoning policy, but can comment on things outside their jurisdiction.

Questions and discussion:

It was asked how the \$1000 per council budget works for them. Addi replied that typically council's meet monthly. The budget funds one, maybe two, mailings. Emphasize has been on posting agenda and meeting date in same place consistently for awareness. The \$1000 budget is not based on population size either.

Mr. Christiansen commented he would like to have closer communication with Community Council's and Neighborhood Council's. Addi replied that CC's like their rural identity and separation from Missoula, but there are skills that overlap and hope we can have joint trainings. The trail initiatives in Lolo and Bonner have a definite and obvious overlap that could be pursued.

How is the relationship between the Commissioners and CC if they are advising the body that 'appointed' them. Changed the bylaws to include the council in the application process. The Council can suggest to Commissioners' who they endorse for membership. Currently if a member resigns mid-term, the Commissioners will appoint someone, if they serve out their term, there will be an election.

Question asked about Bylaws: the County has a template they provide for structure and they have to be approved by the attorney and then the Commissioners so it is legal.

Goals and Action Plan FY2010 planning meeting-Hans Christiansen

Mr. Aten suggested that the entire CF should do another strategy session to reassess our goals. If we look at the goals from 2003 & 2008 to get new ideas and consider having an open session in September to discuss.

Mr. Christiansen suggested that the goals and action plan be reviewed by all, and bring back to CF next month and that it is time for CF to take ownership and initiate the work. Mr. Salmonson suggested putting a link to both documents on each neighborhood's website so all can review and provide input. Mr. Aten proposed that September would be a good month to present and discuss this topic with more of the forum attending and suggested devoting half the meeting to reviewing these and come to a decision for voting on at the October meeting. Jon Wilkins suggested making attempt to get more of the forum members to attend.

Marty Rehbein suggested inviting the alternates, and neighborhood leadership team members to this planning meeting. We can push the marketing, but you all inviting others as well would make an impact.

Mr. Aten commented that in 2008 everybody was invited.

Committee Reports

Bus Tour Report (Hans Christiansen)

Mr. Christiansen suggested we have a permanent bus tour committee. Membership can change, but need a committee that is more continuous, need to start planning now for next tour. Currently myself and Ms. Snodgrass are it. Mr. Salmonson and Mr. Aten volunteered to be on the committee. Mr. Wilkins made a comment that the majority of Council suggested having the tour on a weekday. Mr. Sims indicated he could be a possibility as well.

Neighborhood Project Fund Committee for 2010

Marty Rehbein discussed the upcoming fiscal year and budget for the program. Every year there is a committee comprised of three CF members, one City Council, one representative from the Neighborhood Network to help shape the application and review and rank the applications submitted. That ranking structure is easy to step into for a new member. Those rankings are brought before this body for recommendations to City Council for approval. The small grant requests are submitted to this committee as well for approval. Mr. Firehammer and Mr. Sims indicated they would serve on the committee. Marty indicated that appropriations will not be finalized until the final budget hearing until the 17th of August.

Ongoing Business

Neighborhood Council Updates

- **Heart of Missoula**—nothing new to report.
- **Cpt. John Mullan**—had some variance requests discussed at the leadership team and we volunteered at the marathon event which was fun. Leadership team will be meeting August 12th will go over our budget and plan for our annual meeting tentatively September 10th.
- **Southgate Triangle**—had our monthly LT meeting and also we had a work day in McCloud Park for the base of the 'park pet' project, whereby a large hole was dug for the cement.
- **Moose Can Gully**—nothing new to report.
- **Lewis & Clark**—nothing new to report.
- **Farviews/Pattee Canyon**— had a parks committee meeting, there has been a lot of work and now that there is a plan in place some are upset about it. We had our ice cream social event with lots of discussion and fun.
- **University**—nothing new to report.
- **Upper Rattlesnake**—nothing new to report.
- **Franklin to Fort**—the sidewalk project is almost complete—come over and take a walk. We are going to apply for TIGER grant under the stimulus appropriation for more sidewalks.

City Council Liasion Report—Jon Wilkins

Public meeting for the budget is available for comments. Council helped out Burns Street Commons out this last week with a CDBG fund loan and has generated interest in those loan applications. Still in the process of the zoning rewrite. Speed limits will be reduced on Duncan and Rattlesnake drive.

Final Business

***Monthly report to City Council** – Request to report on non-agenda items

(The monthly report to City Council will be made by the moderator of the meeting. The report made will address all items on the Community Forum agenda for the month. A request for reporting on non-agenda items will occur at Community Forum to ensure pertinent non-agenda are reported as well).

Jon Wilkins stated to include an emphasis of the work coming from this body...the sidewalk project in F2F neighborhood...some good ideas and work has come out of this forum and should pat yourself on the back. Marty added that the design plan for the project where Madison meets with Spruce was approved and funded

from the neighborhood project fund, so the design was in place. The stimulus money was looking for shovel ready projects....here was one and now it will go forward. When there is the opportunity to highlight things like complete streets, emphasize on sidewalks, that the infrastructure plans in the Franklin to Fort area are coming to fruition.

Then next CF meeting moderator will be **Mr. Aten**.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ross

Christine Ross
Secretary, Office of Neighborhoods

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