



## Community Forum Agenda

**Date:** June 22, 2023, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
**Location:** Council Chambers (in person) or TEAMS (virtually)  
**Attend in person:** City Council Chambers, 140 W Pine, Missoula MT

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### 1. Administrative business

#### 1.1 Call to Order

#### 1.2 Roll call by neighborhood council

#### 1.3 Determination of quorum

#### 1.4 Approval of minutes

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#### Recommended motion:

Approve the minutes dated April 27, 2023

### 2. Public comment on non-agenda items from audience

### 3. Presentations

#### 3.1 Emily Gluckin, Our Missoula Code Reform Policy Update

4. Special events - None
5. Reports
  - 5.1 Staff Reports - Kalina Pritchard
  - 5.2 Neighborhood Council Reports - All Neighborhoods
  - 5.3 City Council Liaison Report - Mike Nugent, Ward 4
6. Adjourn



## Community Forum Minutes

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### 1. Administrative business

#### 1.1 Call to Order

#### 1.2 Roll call by neighborhood council

**Members present:** Captain John Mullan, Antony Jo - Grant Creek, Craig Van Bockel - Lewis & Clark, Colleen Biehl - Lower Rattlesnake, Gracie Sanford - Miller Creek, Lee Boman - Northside/Westside, Timmothy Garrison - River Front, Tyler Warren - River Road, Kim Walterskirchen - Rose Park, Rachel Calderon-Navarro - South 39th, Dave Bell - Southgate Triangle, Mark Foss - University District, Allison Wilson - Upper Rattlesnake, Jeani Alonzo-Adams

**Members absent:** Farviews/Pattee Canyon - Franklin to the Fort - Heart of Missoula - Moose Can Gully -

**Other present:** Gwen Jones, Tony Rollin, Orion Gianis, Kevin Mobley, Kalina Pritchard, Kelly Elam

#### 1.3 Determination of quorum

A quorum was present.

#### 1.4 Approval of minutes

The minutes for March 23, 2023 were approved as submitted.

Mark Foss moved and Timmothy Garrison seconded.

### 2. Public comment on non-agenda items from audience

None

### **3. Presentations**

#### **3.1 2023 Neighborhood Grant Overview - Kalina Pritchard**

Kalina gave an overview of the FY23 neighborhood grant program. Last month, one grant wasn't counted but was reviewed and scored and entered into the group. She gave an overview/purpose of the neighborhood grant program. Eight grants were submitted and processed. The sub-committee consisted of five people from the neighborhood councils. Once the Community Forum approves the grants it will go to the City Council for approval. The contracts will be signed and the grantees will be able to start their projects. She gave a brief overview of the five grants that was funded. There were three grants that was not funded.

Motion: Approve the recommended grant awards for the FY23 Energize Your Neighborhood Grant Projects.

Gracie Sanford moved to approve the grant awards. Colleen seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

#### **3.2 Neighborhood Watch - Tony Rollin**

Tony Rollin gave a presentation on the Neighborhood Watch Program, and provided the background of the program. It is an organized group devoted to crime and vandalism prevention. Their mission is to motivate and train citizens to look out for neighbors and make contact with neighbors if leaving town to help protect personal possessions. It is a non engaging process, so if someone sees something that is suspicious, pay attention to what is going on and call the police department.

There are by monthly board meetings and other meetings as requested. They also distribute quarterly newsletters and have connections with USPS, FB, email and bulletin board postings.

Signage is important as they reduce crime.

He discussed training topics and noted several items that they teach.

Tony said if neighborhoods would like a presentation, please contact Kalina and she will help set it up.

There were questions.

Officer Whitney Bennett, Missoula Police Department, Public Relation Officer said they have received under 1000 calls to date on reported different things. Trespassing, theft, burglary, stolen vehicles, disorderly conduct, and many other miscellaneous disturbances. Go to Montana Board of Crime Control for crime statistics and you will be able to see what is going on in Missoula. 2020 is the last year reported and 2021 and 2022 isn't quite ready to report.

There were questions.

### **4. Special events**

The cleanup is Saturday April 29, and some neighborhoods have treats for the volunteers.

### **5. Reports**

## **5.1 Staff Reports**

There will not be a Community Forum meeting in May, but will reconvene in June and will not meet in July.

## **5.2 Neighborhood Council reports**

Captain John Mullan, Antony Jo reported they will have a general in June.

Grant Creek, Craig Von Bockel reported they will have a general May 16, and May 1 the Salish - Kootenai Tribes will have a ribbon cutting for the trail signage.

Lewis & Clark, Colleen Biehl reported they will meet next Wednesday at the Playfair Park Pavilion, and she gave an update on the Bancroft Ponds project.

Lower Rattlesnake, Gracie Sanford said they are planning to make a newsletter in place of a summer LT meeting, but will have a general meeting in the fall. They have met with Mayor Hess about the railroad noise and a letter is in progress to the railroad. They had a LT meeting on April 26.

Miller Creek, Lee Boman said they will participate in the cleanup on Saturday. They are planning their annual meeting later in the summer.

Northside/Westside, Timmothy Garrison reported they are working on a summer meeting.

River Road, Kim Walterskirchen reported they had a LT meeting on April 26, and are planning their general meeting in September.

Riverfront, Tyler Warren said they met and discussed neighborhood traffic concerns and projects. They voted in a new member, Danny Gundlach.

Rose Park, Rachel Calderon-Navarro reported they met and will meet in May. They are participating in the cleanup on Saturday.

S. 39th, Dave Bell reported he is looking for more neighbors to participate on the Leadership Team.

Southgate Triangle, Mark Foss reported they will have a general meeting in May. They have been discussing their neighborhood parks. He asked if anyone knows what happened to the traffic signal box on Bancroft.

University District, Allison Wilson said they met and a speaker from MCPS gave a presentation on school elections on May 2. They are participating in the cleanup and pickleball training at the pickleball courts at Bonner Park. They will meet in May.

Upper Rattlesnake, Jeani Alonzo-Adams reported they are planning their ice cream social and will have a LT meeting on May 5.

## **5.3 City Council liaison report**

Gwen Jones reported they have been tracking a lot of bills at the legislative level and has been a little stressful as some could have changed laws in the state. There is one more week and it will be done for another year.

They are discussing the Higgins Corridor plan and parking is an issue. The parking commission is doing a holistic look at the issue and they have hired a consultant. There will be more come.

The Poverello Center is open and the Johnson Street shelter has closed. She explained the growing concern of urban camping in Missoula. The 9th circuit which Missoula is in states people can camp in the right of way and cannot be forced to move along unless there is a place to go, and Missoula does not have places for them to go. It is a growing problem across the country.

Kalina noted the neighborhoods are asking for information on the problem.

There were questions and comments.

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## **6. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.