

**Community Forum Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2009
7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers
Moderator, Greg Gullickson**

Captain John Mullan – Kathie Snodgrass (Rep)

Emma Dickinson –absent

FarViews/Pattee Canyon – Absent

Franklin to the Fort – Jon Salmonson (Alt)

Grant Creek – absent

Heart of Missoula – Absent

Lewis & Clark – Greg Gullickson (Rep)

Lower Rattlesnake – Carol Elsen (Rep)

Miller Creek – Absent

Moose Can Gully – Lyle Guerts (Rep)

Northside –Absent

Riverfront – Absent

Rose Park – Absent

South 39th – Jeff Stevens (Rep)

Southgate Triangle – Hans Christiansen (Rep)

University District – John Snively (Rep)

Upper Rattlesnake – Bridget Kilroy (Rep)

Westside – Debbie Saylor (Alt)

City Council Liaison – Absent

Neighborhood Liaison – LaNette Diaz

Others Present

Abe Coles, Brendan Moles

Quorum

Quorum is present.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Christiansen moved for adoption of agenda. ***Ms. Snodgrass*** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of CF Minutes

Mr. Christiansen motioned to approve meeting minutes from January 22, 2009. ***Unidentified male*** seconded, all in favor.

Consent Agenda

Approve request out of the Neighborhood Project Grant Committee from the South 39th Street Neighborhood Council for a small grant in the amount of \$200 to update the South Hills Trail System signs to include the addition of Tonkin Trail. Signs will be updated and replaced. The grants committee recommends approval.

All in favor to adopt consent agenda.

Public Comment (non-agenda items from audience)

none

Neighborhood Liasion Report–LaNetteDiaz

1. Neighborhood Council Annual Budget Reallocation – Due April 3rd, 2009
2. Bus Tour Committee – Need Volunteers
Ms. Kilroy, Mr. Christiansen, Mr. Snively and Ms. Snodgrass volunteered. Will meet in early April.
3. Update on Infrastructure Funding Presentations and Schedule
So far have presented to Heart of Missoula, Cpt. John Mullan and Moose Can Gully. There are about 60 completed surveys. Hope to present in June to City Council and ALT. As far as a public meeting, encourage people to come to CF in April.
4. Mail Supplement Change-each of you probably have \$30-\$60 more in your budget than is reflected.

Committee Reports

Deny request from the Missoula Police Department for a small grant in the amount of \$200 to fund Missoula Police Ambassador Interns. The Neighborhood Project Fund Grant Committee recommends denying request as it does not meet the 'neighborhood oriented' criteria requirement. (Hans Christiansen)

New Business

*Community Forum Leadership Team recommends reduction in Small Neighborhood Grants by \$1000 with the application funding grants up to \$100 in order to adhere to administration's request to cut department budgets by 3.7%. (LaNette Diaz)

Mr. Christiansen motion to approve this reduction. Mr. Salmonson seconded.

Discussion ensued as to options for cutting \$1000 from the project funds and that an amended motion could be presented from the project funds committee.

Mr. Snively moved for an amended motion. Ms. Diaz offered specific wording. CFLT recommends reduction in Neighborhood Project Grant Funds by \$1000 in order to adhere to administration's request to cut department budgets by 3.7% **Mr. Christiansen** accepts that wording as seconds the amended motion. All voted in favor. (The project funds committee will have further discussion on exactly where the \$1000 will come from).

Ongoing Business

Update from City Attorney on proposed addition to the CF bylaws to allow for voting by email in certain situations. (LaNette Diaz) Email cannot be used in any event.

Neighborhood Council Updates

- **Lower Rattlesnake**—general meeting April 7 at the Missoula International School with a short report from the principal and the agenda includes presentations by OPG on Zoning update and Maintenance District presentation by L. Diaz.
- **Cpt. John Mullan**—had our general meeting March 18, had full agenda and excellent attendance. Will be having a spring picnic in May
- **Lewis & Clark**—nothing new to report.
- **Southgate Triangle**—general meeting on April 8 with OPG and L. Diaz presenting. Working on a survey which was sent out in the newsletter. Will have treasurer election.
- **Moose Can Gully**—had general meeting last night. Planning a hike and possible picnic May 3.
- **University**—tentative general meeting April 14 discussing how the downtown master plan, the university golf course, and the Madison Street on-ramp projects will affect the neighborhood.
- **South 39th St.**—looking for a mid May meeting. Work is continuing on the trails in the area and will be a busy summer for that work.

- **Westside**—nothing to report.
- **Upper Rattlesnake**—had a meeting last month with about 40 in attendance.
- **Riverfront**—nothing new to report.
- **Franklin to Fort**—the zoning update was presented at the February meeting with a large turnout and good discussion. There are some leadership team changes and will be thinking about a new name for the neighborhood when the area west of Reserve comes online. Hot topic for the neighborhood is the sidewalk contracts will go on the consent agenda before City Council and move forward.

Discussion

Neighbors-in-Need – Abe Coley, Home Resource

Abe recently attended the orientation training for NC's and came up with an idea whereby Home Resource could donate building materials that would benefit NC's to facilitate building project(s). Home Resource is applying for a grant with the Bullit Foundation which funds strategic improvement in communities. Abe would like NC's to discuss this idea and if the grant comes through, have a selection committee to identify and implement projects. Home Resource will include this program in their budget for marketing it. There will be follow-up with this group as grants become available. CF likes the idea of this program and will wait for an update if funding is made available.

Home Owner Repair Financing – Brendan Moles, District XI Human Resource Council

Brendan provided an overview of the Human Resource Council which advocates for low-income households in Missoula, Ravalli and Mineral counties. There is a low-interest home owner loan fund for repairs to those who can't afford to get financing. Approximately \$250,000 remains in CDBG funds for this program. This program includes repairs on mobile homes which is very difficult to obtain through normal channels. Brendan expressed his interest to present at NC meetings details of this program.

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).

Mr. Gullickson will be out of town on the date of next City Council meeting, is there someone who can volunteer to do the monthly report. **Ms. Kilroy** moved to do the monthly report and include items on the agenda. **Ms. Snodgrass** seconded. All were in favor.

Moderator for the next meeting will be **Mr. Aten**.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ross

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