



MISSOULA NEIGHBORHOODS

Community Forum Report

City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine

August 26, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Moderator, Kathie Snodgrass

Captain John Mullan – Kathie Snodgrass

Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten

Franklin to the Fort – Jon Salmonson

Grant Creek – Don Nicholson

Heart of Missoula – Bill Flanery

Lewis & Clark – Pat McCormick

Lower Rattlesnake – Absent

Miller Creek – Absent

Moose Can Gully – Absent

Northside – Absent

River Road – Mike Hathaway

Riverfront – Absent

Rose Park – Absent

South 39th – Jeff Stevens

Southgate Triangle – Erik West

University District – John Firehammer

Upper Rattlesnake – Don Sims

Westside – Absent

City Council Liaison – Jon Wilkins

Neighborhood Liaison – Erin Scott

OTHERS PRESENT

Sam Stier

QUORUM

A quorum was present

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved unanimously

APPROVAL OF CF MINUTES

Minutes for June 24, 2010

Mr. West stated his first name was misspelled and is spelled with a "k".

Mr. Aten moved to accept the minutes for June 24, 2010 with the amendment.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes for July 22, 2010

Mr. Flanery stated his last name was misspelled and is spelled with one "n".

Unknown moved to approve the minutes for July 22, 2010 with the amendment.

Mr. Aten seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items from the public)

Mirtha Becerra, Office of Planning & Grants, Department of Transportation stated the Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization (MOP) stated they will be conducting the [2010 Non-Motorized](#)

[Traffic Count Program](#), and the event is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2010 and Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

Ms. Becerra said the MOP program keeps a count of bicycle riders, pedestrians and all other forms of human travel. The program tallies will help recognize where, when and how much the trails, sidewalks and bike facilities are being utilized, and the gathered information will help enhance or improve the non-motorized system.

She stated volunteers are needed and the training is scheduled for Thursday, September 9th from 5:00 to 6:00 pm and will be located in the City Council Chambers.

Mr. Aten commented the event is fun and it gives an opportunity to meet new people.

The forum discussed the volunteer duties.

Sam Stier is present to propose an idea for support. He mentioned he visited Iowa City and there is a recreation center that includes a basket ball court which is converted into roller skating rink on Friday nights. He asked the forum if a similar event could be created. He said a standard sized gymnasium at one of the schools that is not being utilized in the evenings would be sufficient to accommodate the program.

The forum discussed the details.

Mr. Aten suggested a possible collaboration with the Park & Recreation Department to create a skate rink or check with the Missoula women's skating team as there might be a possibility of sharing their skate rink. He noted this activity would be appropriate to apply for a grant through the Neighborhood Projects fund.

PRESENTATIONS

Western Montana Volunteer Center: Jane Kelly and Shari Strachan

1. How to use the online volunteer system.

Jane Kelly, Police Department Volunteer Services Coordinator thanked the forum for the approval of the \$200 small grant. The money was used for the volunteer recognition event on July 15th at Downtown Tonight. The volunteer attendance was good and the money went to good use.

Ms. Kelly discussed what the volunteers do and reported the program is a great success for the community.

Ms. Snodgrass stated Community Forum received a card from Missoula Aging Services thanking them for the small grant to help fund the volunteer recognition event, and she read the note.

Shari Strachan, Western Montana Volunteer Center stated the U of M career Services offers a virtual website at www.volunteer.umt.edu to post a volunteer job, and she explained in detail the steps to post a volunteer job on the website.

The forum discussed various types of volunteer jobs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fall dates for Community Forum – November 18, 2010 & December 16, 2010.

Mr. Salmonson moved the Community Forum meet on November 18, 2010 and December 16, 2010.

Unknown seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Community Forum Budget FY11.

Ms. Scott reviewed the funding balances, location of accounts and how they can be accessed for viewing.

The forum discussed the funding amounts and what the grants for intended for.

Ms. Scott stated the brochure includes general information about the Neighborhood Council structure and small and large grants. The brochure can be found on the City of Missoula website at www.missoula-neighborhoods.org.

3. Nominate Ad Hoc Budget Committee (4-5 members)

Ray Aten, Jon Salmonson, Jeff Stevens and Don Nicholson were nominated to serve on the Ad Hoc Budget Committee.

ON GOING BUSINESS

1. Active Transportation Plan (Community Forum support for Sidewalks Resolution)

Mr. Salmonson updated the forum with the [Complete Streets Resolution](#) that was passed two years ago and reviewed the process of creating it.

The forum discussed cost issues to construct and replace damaged sidewalks.

Mr. Salmonson moved to approve the Sidewalks Resolution.

Mr. Flanery seconded the motion.

Mr. Aten said the language in the resolution should be clarified and moved a friendly amendment to the resolution by including "it is essential that assessments to property owners not be the primary source of funding".

Mr. Salmonson accepted the friendly amendment.

The [Sidewalks Resolution](#) was voted on.

The motion passed with one nay and one abstention.

Mr. Salmonson announced he welcomes anyone that is interested in discussing alternative funding solutions to call him anytime.

2. Vote on Small Project Grant – Digital Cameras

The Police Department would like to provide each office with a camera for crime investigations, but does not have enough cameras available, and the City budget does not have enough funds to purchase them. They are seeking \$10,000 and are requesting \$200 from the small grant funds.

The forum discussed the grant.

Mr. Stevens moved to approve the small grant.

Mr. McCormick seconded the motion.

The motion failed with 8 nays and 1 abstention.

REPORTS

1. Staff Report – Erin Scott

Ms. Scott brought brochures and asked the forum to distribute them within the neighborhoods at their own discretion.

She asked the forum to address the action plan for 2011, past accomplishments and goals for an agenda item at the October meeting. She noted she would like to continue with marketing and networking.

Ms. Scott presented the photo gallery that is linked on the neighborhood website.

2. Neighborhood Council Reports.

Franklin to the Fort – Mr. Salmonson reported they had a training session and discussed a summary report for Ms. Scott's job performance meeting, he noted he was unclear about the due date and it was late.

Upper Rattlesnake – Mr. Sims reported there will be a celebration for the Pineview Park remodel on Tuesday, September 7, 2010. He appreciates Ms. Scott's job performance.

Lewis & Clark – Mr. McCormick reported there will be a leadership team meeting next week. John Berry asked him to ask if anybody knows what is happening with the Missoula fairgrounds regarding neighborhood activities and to contact him.

South 39th St. – Jeff Stevens - inaudible.

Captain John Mullan – Ms. Snodgrass reported they will have a general meeting in the middle of the month and they discussed the design for Pleasant View Park.

University District – Mr. Firehammer - No report.

Southgate Triangle – Mr. West reported they discussed the ice cream social.

Fairview/Pattee Canyon – Mr. Aten reported they will have a general meeting in September or October.

Heart of Missoula – Mr. Flanery - inaudible.

Grant Creek – Mr. Nicholson reported they discussed the new trail – inaudible.

River Road – Mr. Hathaway - inaudible.

3. City Council Liaison report.

Mr. Wilkins announced the proposed Road & Park District assessment deadline has been extended to September 7th.

Inaudible

The Community Forum report to the City Council on September 13th includes the on-line volunteer system, ad hoc budget committee, transportation plan and the small project grant.

Mr. Aten moved to approve the agenda items to be reported to the city council.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam

City Clerk Office