



MISSOULA NEIGHBORHOODS

Community Forum Report

City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine

October 28, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Moderator, Greg Gullickson

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 – Greg Gullickson
Lower Rattlesnake – Carol Elsen
Miller Creek – Absent
Moose Can Gully – Lyle Geurts
Northside – Absent
River Road – Mike Hathaway

Riverfront – Absent
Rose Park – Nancy McCourt
South 39th – Jeff Stevens
Southgate Triangle – Christine Ross
University District – Absent
Upper Rattlesnake – Don Sims
Westside – Absent

City Council Liaison – Jon Wilkins
Neighborhood Liaison – Erin Scott

OTHERS PRESENT

Janet Fiero, Alex Apostle

QUORUM

A quorum was present

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approved as submitted

APPROVAL OF CF MINUTES

Christine Ross moved to approve the August 26, 2010 minutes. Jeff Stevens seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Jeff Stevens moved to approve the September 23, 2010 minutes. Don Nicholson seconded the motion. Mike Hathaway requests a change on the River Road Neighborhood Council report striking the word general meeting and replacing it with neighborhood leadership team meeting. The minutes for September 23, 2010 were approved with the changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS Alex Apostle – Graduation Matters

Alex Apostle, Superintendent of the Missoula County Public Schools presented a video presentation consisting of the school district strength's and future needs.

Mr. Apostle discussed five goals that are currently taking place in the schools and discussed each goal.

- Achievement for graduation refined
- Implement a quality of evaluation and supervision for all staff
- Define and implement a quality professional development program that encompasses the best practices and supports the needs of all staff
- Restructure the organization to become more efficient, effective and accountable to support the goals of the district
- Evolving the community, staff, students and parents in everything the schools are doing

Mr. Apostle stated "Graduation Missoula" is a community initiative that began in January and has been adopted as a state model. The new initiative has established a 47% reduction in the drop-out rate in six months, and he discussed the high school drop-out rates.

He noted the private sector is funding the changes and not the public school funds.

Mr. Apostle stated he attends to visit all neighborhood councils to address the school system's new plan.

STRATEGIC PLANNING – Janet Fiero & Erin Scott

Notes on Neighbor Day from 10.28.10 (taken by Nancy McCourt at Community Forum, facilitated by Erin Scott)

1. June 4, 2011 Proclamation by the Mayor
2. Publication
 - a. Top 15 Memories of NC system (volunteers, actions)
 - b. Each NC does top 3
 - c. Each NC gets 1 page including photos
 - d. Budget \$800 (Spring Bus Tour)
3. Audience
 - a. Missoulian insert
 - b. On-line version
 - c. City gov't partners
 - d. General public
 - e. Western MT Volunteer Center (and all other non-profits)
 - f. Grant recipients
 - g. Potential funders (WA Fund, NW Energy, Msia C. Realtors)
4. Event – Discussion about challenges of doing an event
 - a. Piggyback with Farmer's Market OR Out to Lunch OR Out to Dinner
 - b. Progressive dinner event
5. New Neighbor Day Committee member: Nancy McCourt

Notes on All neighborhood Leadership Team Pot Luck (taken by Janet Fiero, facilitated by Janet Fiero)

November 18 from 6-8 pm

Cool Things happening in your 'hood Best Practices

Potential Discussion topics:

1. Balancing improving attendance and being productive (getting results)

Note: When there is a controversial issue attendance increases and productivity decreases.

2. Planning Grants (\$20K/year total available). What have neighborhoods done with grants that is cool? What do you want to do?
3. Improving Neighborhood interactions How are you doing it? How might you do it?
4. Social Media: Kate's Kiosk demo'ing cool on-line stuff of ONE neighborhood (maybe River Road, SouthGate Triangle and or Franklin to Fort) Blogging, website, facebook, twitter
5. Cup of Sugar/Good Deeds: How are you thanking and appreciating neighbors who are doing good deeds, being neighborly? How could social media help us gather information and vote on the coolest good deeds?

ON GOING BUSINESS

Community Forum Budget Resolution – Don Nicholson
Mr. Nicholson updated the forum of budget balances.

The forum discussed the budget guidelines and the resolution language.

Don Nicholson moved to adopt the resolution.

Kathy Snodgrass stated in the resolution under "Whereas" #2, it should state the small project grants will be reviewed by the Community Forum Leadership Team.

Ms. Snodgrass seconded the motion to adopt the resolution with the friendly amendment on "whereas" #2 that the small grants be reviewed by the community forum leadership team.

The forum clarified the language stating the neighborhood funds that are not used by June 30th will be transferred to the grant project funds.

Mr. Nicholson moved to call the question.

The motion to call the question passed unanimously.

The motion to approve the budget resolution with the friendly amendment passed unanimously.

REPORTS

1. MATP – Jon Salmonson

Mr. Salmonson stated in the next meeting they will discuss the results of the open house surveys. He mentioned the provisions for sidewalks will not be included in the final draft.

2. August/September Staff Report – Erin Scott

Erin Scott stated Sunday is Stories and Stones located at the city cemetery from noon to 3:00 pm.

The November 3rd neighborhood project fund committee meeting is located in the MRA conference room, 140 W. Pine at 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

On November 18th there will be a business meeting at 5:30 pm at the Missoula Plans Exchange next to Home Resource.

She asked if the community forum leadership team can meet following this meeting tonight.

3. Neighborhood Council Reports.

Rose Park – Nancy McCourt stated they will be meeting on November 9th.

River Road – Mike Hathaway reported there is a general meeting scheduled for November 9th to discuss elections and the Milwaukee trail that is going through the neighborhood.

Grant Creek - Passed

Lower Rattlesnake – Carol Ellison said they continue to meet with the Upper Rattlesnake to discuss the transportation summit, and there will be a presentation at a combined meeting with both neighborhoods.

Southgate Triangle – Christine Ross reported they had a meeting on October 13th and they held elections for the leadership team. There was a candidate forum that spoke about their background and why they want to serve in government. There was an update on a large grant application regarding the traffic signal boxes. They discussed traffic calming in the neighborhood. They also discussed the concerns regarding the property vacation issue on 38th St and Dore Lane.

Farviews/Pattee Canyon – No report

Moose Can Gully – Lyle Geurts reported at the next meeting they will finalize the large project grant.

Lewis & Clark – Greg Gullickson stated they met on the 13th and viewed a presentation regarding the future Missoula County Fairgrounds.

South 39th – Jeff Stevens – inaudible

Riverfront – Gwen Hoppe reported they will meet on the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Heart of Missoula – Bill Flanery inaudible

Upper Rattlesnake – Don Sims - No report

Captain John Mullan – Kathy Snodgrass stated they met on the 26th. Inaudible

Franklin to the Fort – Jon Salmonson met on Tuesday. Inaudible

4. City Council Liaison Report

Jon Wilkins stated the city council approved the purchase of a fire fighting breathing apparatus. They discussed the open space properties in the Mount Sentinel area that is currently county property and will be annexed into the city. The discussed the Russell St. corridor and noted there will be further discussion.

He mentioned they are currently discussing city owned vacant lots throughout the city and considering several options to utilize them.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam

City Clerk Office