



MISSOULA NEIGHBORHOODS

Community Forum Report

City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine

August 25, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Moderator, Kathy Snodgrass

Captain John Mullan – Kathy Snodgrass
Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten
Franklin to the Fort – Mark McMillan
Grant Creek – John Paoli
Heart of Missoula – Bill Flanery
Lewis & Clark – Absent
Lower Rattlesnake – Absent
Miller Creek – Bill Roduner
Moose Can Gully – Lyle Geurts
Northside/Westside – Casey Dunning

Riverfront – Absent
River Road – Jesse Neidigh
Rose Park – Nancy McCourt
South 39th – Cathy Deschamps
Southgate Triangle – Eric West
University District – Absent
Upper Rattlesnake – Absent
City Council Liaison – Absent
Neighborhood Liaison – Jane Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT:

Detective Guy Baker, Jane Kelly, Marty Rehbein, Gwen Hoppe

QUORUM:

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes for [June 23, 2011](#) and [July 28, 2011](#) were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. West mentioned a PAZ meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 10:00 am located at the City Council Chambers regarding the Russell/39th St. rezone.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Graffiti in Missoula – Detective Guy Baker, Missoula Police Department, Montana Regional Violent Crime Task Force and Senior Vice President, Northwest Gang Investigators Association

Detective Baker presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding graffiti in Missoula. The presentation contains approximately 150 pictures throughout Missoula and a few from other cities.

Tagging can be traced back to 1972, and it started when an immigrant arrived in New York City and got a job as a courier. He marked packages with a permanent marker, and he started marking buildings everywhere he went as he delivered the packages. His tag was Taki 183; Taki was his nick name and 183 was the area code from where he lived.

Detective Baker noted university and college communities are noted to have graffiti in their towns. Tagging is a group of people who use spray paint or a permanent marker to write one word on a permanent fixture around town. He said some of the groups are high school students but majority are college students. The concept of tagging is the game of tag and not getting caught.

There are several words that we are seeing around town such as "SPAZ" and "ONES." The "CSK" stands for California Street Kings and they are a tagging group located near the pedestrian bridge in their neighborhood, another writes "ECHO and his mark has been seen around town for about three years." Graffiti that contains three digit numbers represents the area code of where they are from.

He presented and discussed a presentation that is gang related. Gangs use tagging as their street newspaper to communicate with other gangs. "FSB" stands for family sworn bloods, ES, WS, NS represents their location of town. Backwards lettering means they are disrespecting a rival gang.

Detective Baker noted there is a thirteen minute video on YouTube called "Missoula Graffiti" and it consists of interviews from taggers on why they tag. Their faces are covered with masks and it is an informative video. He does not know who made the video.

The Missoula Police Department responded to 250 reports of graffiti last year and recently vehicles are being targeted. Graffiti is considered vandalism and is treated as criminal mischief violation.

Ms. Rehbein asked if the traffic signal boxes art work have been vandalized.

Detective Baker said no, taggers usually do not paint over the top of someone else's art.

The Police Department has six volunteers who go out and clean off the graffiti. Allied Waste, Walmart, Youth Court and the Downtown Business District donate funds and supplies for graffiti removal. He encourages the public to report graffiti when they see it, because graffiti attracts more graffiti.

- Information on conducting a Candidates Forum – Jane Kelly

Ms. Kelly distributed an [instructional handout](#) on how to conduct a successful candidate forum. The purpose for a forum is to educate citizens about the candidates and their views on issues.

The forum discussed the informational handout.

SMALL GRANT REQUEST:

[Walnut Street landscape project](#) sponsored by the Riverfront NC for \$200

Ms. Hoppe started the landscaping project many years ago and now the Riverfront NC is requesting \$200 to purchase gadgets that attach to the drip irrigation system. A soaker hose has been used in the past but is no longer effective.

Ms. McCourt moved to approve the small grant for \$200 to purchase gadgets that attach to the irrigation system for the Walnut Street landscape project.

Ray Aten seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

SUNDAY STREETS PARTICIPATION (SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 NEXT EVENT)

Mr. Aten stated the Leadership Team discussed the Community Forum's continuous effort to support the Sunday Streets event. The team would like to participate in the annual event and eliminate the voting process every six months.

The Forum supports the Community Forum to participate annually in the Sunday Streets event.

Mr. Aten moved to allow the Community Forum to continue to participate with the Sunday Streets as an on-going event, and encourage the neighborhood councils to participate.

Ms. McCourt seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Sunday Street Budget

◆ Norco helium	\$94.83
◆ Party America balloons	\$33.42
◆ Party America balloon clips per 144	\$3.99
◆ Table fee	\$10.00
◆ Cookies & Cupcakes-past amount combined	\$218.46
◆ Stickers for Neighborhood Council identification	<u>\$203.49</u>
Total:	\$564.19

Ms. Kelly stated she chose the same items from the last event except for the balloon clips. People who tied the balloons from the last event had very sore fingers from tying so many balloons and the clips will eliminate that. She noted there will not be any cupcakes at this event, because they don't survive the heat very well and become gooey, but cookies will be offered.

Ms. Rehbein said the funds will come out of the Community Forum general allocation fund. The new budget has \$1700, and a \$500 printing budget that can be used as part of the expenditure for printing the stickers.

Mr. Aten moved to use the total as a guide line to purchase supplies for the Sunday Street event and not to exceed \$581.00.

Mr. Paoli seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

- Staff Report – Reallocation request update from River Road NC – Grand opening of Milwaukee Trail:

Ms. Kelly stated The Community Forum Leadership Team approved the \$1500 request for the grand opening community event. The funds will provide a band, Monte and balloons. The food is for the NC members only, because of regulations that might occur.

- Farviews/Pattee Canyon meeting:

Ms. Kelly attended the Farviews/Pattee Canyon meeting and she showed the Forum pictures of the event. Mr. Aten stated over 56 people attended the meeting at Whitaker Park and ice cream was served. They discussed their Parks Master Plan and voted on the results.

- Franklin to the Fort picnic:

Ms. Kelly said the picnic was a nice event and she showed the Forum pictures. Mr. McMillan stated 80 people attended the picnic which included games and cake walks for the children. The information is currently being compiled in a report and he will report it when it is finished. He noted they gathered a lot of contact information from their neighbors.

- National Night Out:

Ms. Kelly stated this event took place at Target and was a collaboration of law enforcement and neighborhoods to take back the neighborhoods from crime. She showed and discussed pictures of the event.

- Volunteer recognition at Caras Park:

Ms. Kelly stated the Community Forum approved a \$200 grant to purchase ice cream for the Western Montana Volunteer Center appreciation to recognize volunteers. She discussed and showed pictures of the event.

Committee Reports:

Reallocation Committee Recommendations:

Mr. Flanery discussed the reallocation guidelines.

Ms. Rehbein stated in the past, left over funds were not carried over to the next year. The Community Forum Leadership Team helped propose this change to a new procedure. In prior years the councils had to plan their spending ahead of time and left over funds were forfeited. The new procedure allows funds left over after the fiscal year, to be allocated into a pool up to \$5000. Neighborhoods that run out of money before the fiscal year ends can request the funds for neighborhood events or other needs.

Mr. Flanery moved to approve the allocation procedure.

Mr. Neidigh seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

- Neighborhood Liaison Position Update:

Ms. Rehbein stated the Office of Neighborhoods will remain in the City Clerk office for the next year and Ms. Kelly will be the full time Liaison. This will give the Mayors office time to evaluate their office and consider changes to make room for the Office of Neighborhoods.

- City Council Liaison Report (Ballots and elections):

Mr. Wilkins not present - No report

- Neighborhood Council Reports:

River Road – Jesse Neidigh reported the Milwaukee Trail Grand Opening celebration is scheduled for October 11th in the afternoon, and there will be a barbecue.

Moose Can Gully – Lyle Geurtz reported they are creating a candidate forum for the Ward 5 candidates which are Renee Mitchell and Mike O'Herron. The event is scheduled for September

21st at Meadow Hill School. It is a joint project with Moose Can Gully, South 39th St and Miller Creek neighborhoods.

Southgate Triangle – Eric West reported they discussed the Russell/39th St. rezone for two hours and did not come to a conclusion.

Rose Park – Nancy McCourt said they are looking for leadership team members.

Captain John Mullan – Kathy Snodgrass reported they will meet on September 21st and will vote on officer elections.

Northside/Westside – Casey Dunning reported a meeting is scheduled for September 6th and will discuss a pocket park on the Northside and expand the leadership team to 14 members.

South 39th – Cathy Deschamps reported they will participate with the joint candidate forum. They have been discussing the Russell/39th St. rezone.

Heart of Missoula – Bill Flanery reported the leadership will meet next week and plan their fall neighborhood meeting. They had a parking plan committee meeting and the survey instrument they will use was revised and approved.

Franklin to the Fort – Mark McMillan said they will be scheduling a meeting to discuss curbs, gutters and sidewalks at 6th, 7th, and Schilling St.

Grant Creek – John Paoli – No report

Miller Creek – Bill Roduner – No report

Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten – No report

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam

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