



MISSOULA NEIGHBORHOODS
Community Forum Report
City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine
October 27, 2011, at 7:00 pm
Moderator, Bill Flanery

Captain John Mullan – Steve Schmidt
Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten
Franklin to the Fort – Mark McMillin
Grant Creek – Absent
Heart of Missoula – Bill Flanery
Lewis & Clark – Greg Gullickson
Lower Rattlesnake – Absent
Miller Creek – Bill Roduner
Moose Can Gully – Lyle Geurts
Northside/Westside – Absent

Riverfront – Absent
River Road – Jesse Neidigh
Rose Park – Nancy McCourt
South 39th – Jeff Stevens
Southgate Triangle – Christine Ross
University District – Absent
Upper Rattlesnake – Douglas Grimm
City Council Liaison – Jon Wilkins
Neighborhood Liaison – Jane Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jane Kelly, Erika Foster, Laval Means, Louis YellowRobe

QUORUM:

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for September 22, 2011 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

PRESENTATIONS:

Sharrows

Wayne Gravatt, Traffic Services Coordinator stated their department function includes signing, street cleaning, traffic studies, traffic signals and maintain the radio functions for the Police and Fire departments. He also is the Chairperson for the City Safety Team who focuses on City employee and citizen safety concerns.

He said there is some confusion regarding the new pavement markings on the road known as sharrows. A sharrows is a lane for bicyclists and they have a bike marking in the middle with chevrons pointing in the direction of travel. Their function is to help drivers and bicyclists to be alert of where they are suppose to be positioned in the shared lane and they also encourage bicyclists to ride with the traffic.

Currently the sharrows are located on Phillips Street, the Upper Rattlesnake School area and Spruce Street by St. Pat's Hospital. They are only located on roads that are on the bike route but do not have enough room for a bike lane.

Mr. Gravatt mentioned the sharrows have been publicized, but there are a lot of people who are unfamiliar with them. The Forum discussed the sharrows and presented ideas for the neighborhood councils to help inform the public.

Ms. McCourt clarified a bicycle is a two or three wheeled vehicle with peddles that may be motorized by gas or electric power and have to be under 50cc. It cannot exceed more than 30 miles per hour on a flat surface and they are allowed to ride in the bike lanes.

Mr. Wilkins invited Mr. Gravatt to the neighborhood council meetings to speak about sharrows. Mr. Gravatt agreed and thanked the Forum with their help to help educate the public.

Zoning 101 (Part 1)

Ms. Means distributed a [zoning code handout](#) that includes the previous and current codes. Zoning addresses public & health safety concerns and has become a tool for predictability and development. Missoula started the zoning policy in 1932 and through the years it has been revised. In 2009, the comprehensive regulation policy was revised from "Title 19" and is now known as "Title 20." She discussed the handout and the changes that have occurred

She noted the handout includes a list of reference codes including Residential, Business & Commercial, Industrial and Open Space uses. She discussed the list and what they stand for and noted some of the similar districts were combined.

- R – Residential
- T- Townhouse or two unit combination
- M – allows residential and multi-dwelling

The numbering refers to the limited area per unit and it offers information regarding density. She discussed the abbreviations & numbering and their meanings.

She discussed districts and their densities, building heights, property setbacks, permitted, conditional and prohibited uses, building types, clusters, conservation, permanently affordable and conventional development.

Ms. Means stated overlays are a tool to customize standard zoning so it becomes more place specific. She mentioned areas of town where an overlay is required and their logic for them. Once an overlay is in place it is there for the duration.

She discussed future projects including small scale wind energy, sign revisions, the Southside River Front overlay and small lot affordability development options. Currently there are revisions proposing revisions to the street and road standards for subdivision. The accessory exception is currently being revised and will be presented to the Planning Board next week. This project is related to small structures that are less than 120 sq. ft.

Currently staff is discussing non conforming uses and structures with the City Council, and they are interested in the direction of policy. It is time consuming and to date they have reviewed two regular maintenance reviews in "Title 20."

Ms. Means noted she will attend another Forum meeting and present "Zoning part 2" to discuss procedures, notifications, the protest process & procedures for other miscellaneous issues that do not include zoning.

The Forum clarified information regarding green buildings and overlays.

Neighborhood Project Funds

Ms. Kelly stated City Council Alderwoman Cynthia Wolken and Ford Johnson Neighborhood Network are new members to the committee. She asked for three Forum members to volunteer for the committee. Mr. Aten, Ms. Ross, Mr. Schmidt and Ms. McCourt volunteered to serve on the Neighborhood Project Fund Committee with Mr. Schmidt serving as the alternate.

Mr. Aten moved to add Mr. Aten, Ms. Ross, Ms. McCourt and Mr. Schmidt to serve on the Neighborhood Project Fund Committee with Mr. Schmidt serving as the alternate.

Somebody seconded the motion

The motion passed unanimously.

Holiday Schedule

Ms. Kelly stated the next Community Forum meeting falls on Thanksgiving November 24th and she requests to reschedule the meeting a week earlier on Thursday, November 17th.

Mr. Gullickson moved to permanently schedule the November Community Forum meeting on the third Thursday of the month.

Ms. Ross seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Aten moved to permanently schedule the December Community Forum meeting to the third Thursday of the month.

Nobody seconded the motion

The motion passed unanimously

University District Mentor

Ms. Kelly mentioned Dave Chrismon has volunteered to activate the University Neighborhood Council. She asked for a volunteer to help Mr. Chrismon.

Mr. Neidigh and Mr. Wilkins volunteered to mentor Mr. Chrismon.

Ms. Ross suggested Mr. Firehammer would be a good mentor to help Mr. Chrismon. Ms. Kelly said she asked Mr. Firehammer and he declined due to time restraints.

Neighborhood Council Branding

Mr. McMillin said the Leadership Team discussed neighborhood volunteers wearing T-shirts at events with their neighborhood logo and neighborhood borders printed on them. He said there is a \$10 fee for the silkscreen and the shirts will cost between \$7 and \$10 per shirt depending on how

many are ordered and there is a 12 shirt minimum order. He noted that choosing one color will keep the cost down. He asked the Forum for comments and if they are interested.

He said the idea came from the neighborhood picnic. The shirts will identify the Leadership Team members and allow people to know who they are. The goal is to attract people to get involved in the Neighborhood Councils.

Mr. Gullickson asked if the purchase can be paid from neighborhood funds. Ms. Kelly said she will check with the ordinance and report back. The Forum agrees with the idea and would like to have the choice between a shirt and a hat.

Reports:

Stories and Stones Event

Ms. Foster stated the event is scheduled for Sunday, October 30th from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. This is the ninth year the Cemetery is presenting this family event, and food, vendors and a tour of the cemetery will be offered. The Office of Neighborhoods will table this event as well.

Defensible Space Zones

Ms. Foster distributed a handout "[Defensible Space](#)" and this refers to fire prevention and safety around the home. She asked the Forum to distribute the flyers to the council meetings. She asked Cory Garman to attend the next CF meeting to discuss safety and fire prevention tips for the average household.

Camera and Pictures

Ms. Kelly announced the Office of Neighborhoods purchased a camera to take pictures at events. She used it at the Milwaukee Trail Grand Opening but forgot to save them. She will ask Dax Kuehn to furnish pictures for viewing.

She thanked Ms. Foster for her help with updating the binders and name tags. She reminded the Forum to take the paper information provided in the binders.

The small grant fund currently has \$230.57 and the reallocation fund has \$3000.

REPORTS:

Upper Rattlesnake – Douglas Grimm reported they sent out two mailings and 65 people attended the meeting and they discussed the bear issues, crime prevention, the deer population, the train crossing and the public transit in the Rattlesnake.

Rose Park – Nancy McCourt reported they continue to look for new Leadership Team members.

River Road – Jesse Neidigh reported they met on October 6th and discussed the Milwaukee Trail and sidewalk feasibility. The Milwaukee Trail Grand Opening was successful.

Miller Creek – Bill Roduner reported the Leadership Team met and discussed public transit, neighborhood watch, speed limits, tree replacement in Marilyn Park and the deer population.

Southgate Triangle – Christine Ross reported they will meet on November 9th and there will be a presentation regarding Mid Town Missoula and they will discuss by-law revisions and grant application ideas.

South 39th – Jeff Stevens reported a Leadership Team meeting is scheduled in November and they will submit a grant application for a traffic signal box project.

Captain John Mullan – Steve Schmidt reported they sponsored a marathon on October 1st to raise funds for the bike trail on Mullan Road and it was successful.

Heart of Missoula – Bill Flanery reported the Neighborhood Council met on October 6th and they sponsored a Candidate Forum for the City Council Ward 1. They discussed the park planning application.

Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten – No report

Lewis & Clark – Greg Gullickson – No report

Moose Can Gully – Lyle Geurts reported they are discussing a tour behind Garland Park for their annual picnic next spring.

Franklin to the Fort – Mark McMillin reported they sponsored a Candidate Forum and a general meeting is scheduled November 17th.

City Council – Jon Wilkins reported the City Council continues to discuss zoning issues and old houses that have safety issues. The PAZ committee meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am and they are open for suggestions. The City Council continues to discuss the animal ordinance.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam

Kelly Elam
City Clerk Office