



MISSOULA NEIGHBORHOODS

Community Forum Report

City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine

April 26, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Moderator, Cathy Deschamps

Captain John Mullan – Absent

Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten

Franklin to the Fort – Mark McMillin

Grant Creek – Absent

Heart of Missoula – Absent

Lewis & Clark – Pat McCormick

Lower Rattlesnake – Absent

Miller Creek – Absent

Moose Can Gully – Lyle Geurts

Northside/Westside – Kendell Lewis

Riverfront – Pom Fountain

River Road – Jesse Neidigh

Rose Park – Absent

South 39th – Cathy Deschamps

Southgate Triangle – Absent

University District – Dave Christman

Upper Rattlesnake – Doug Grimm

City Council Liaison – Jon Wilkins

Neighborhood Liaison – Jane Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jane Kelly, Erika Foster, Larry Shock

QUORUM:

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The agenda was approved.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for [March 22, 2012](#) were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Non Agenda items)

Mr. Aten stated Mayor Engen proposed funding from the Mayors office budget to renovate their office to include the Office of Neighborhoods, but there is not enough funding to change the Liaison's status. Mr. Aten feels the money should fund the Liaison's role, responsibility and staffing. He encourages the Forum members to contact the Mayor if anyone disagrees with the Mayors decision.

Mr. Wilkins will address the Liaison's status to the City Council for discussion.

Ms. Hoppe is concerned with the Civic Stadium Use Lease Agreement because it changed when the City took ownership. The Extraordinary Events Committee is designed to observe impacts for the City and neighborhoods. The previous agreement stated an extraordinary event includes 500 attendees and it has been changed to 2000 attendees.

Another issue is the Northside/Westside and Heart of Missoula neighborhood councils each had a representative on the committee and they have been eliminated. The Missoula Redevelopment Agency (MRA) is managing the lease agreement and they included a Business Improvement District (BID) member to the committee.

Ms. Hoppe's concerns are the event attendee increase and losing two neighborhood council members to be on the committee.

PRESENTATIONS:

Capabilities of the City Website – Erika Foster

Ms. Foster stated there are many capabilities of the City website that could be useful for Neighborhood Councils. She presented a Powerpoint presentation in regards to navigating the Neighborhood website.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT FUNDS: Vote: Small grants recommended by the Leadership Team.

The balance for the small grant fund is \$2,230.57.

1. Mount Sentinel Little League - Fence padding and backstop

A. Mr. Shock stated Mount Sentinel Little League is located at Playfair Park and has been active for approximately 40 years. The league is responsible for the infrastructure and maintaining the fields such as fencing, padding and backstops. He discussed the purpose for fence padding and backstops and mentioned there are other user groups who use the fields. The league seeks funding from grants, donations and sign up fees, and there are volunteers who donate their time to complete the work, but when the season is over, it is difficult to find volunteers.

The Forum approved \$500 from the small grant fund to help fund the maintenance costs for the Mount Sentinel Little League improvements.

B. Western Montana Volunteer Center – Ice cream for volunteers

Ms. Kelly said the Volunteer Center includes people from the Missoula Aging Services and the UM Office of Civic Engagement, and they maintain a website to locate positions and recruit volunteers.

There is a summer event that honors all volunteers in Missoula. The first 100 people receive a coupon for a double scoop ice cream as a successful way to thank some volunteers who may not get thanked.

The \$200 grant provides the ice cream coupons and Baskin Robbins matches the funding. She noted the grant has been approved for the past three years and Ms. Kelly is requesting approval for a small grant.

The Forum approved a \$200 small grant to fund ice cream for the volunteer program.

C. Missoula Symphony - Event in Caras Park

Ms. Kelly stated the Symphony Director and his assistant are currently out of town and could not attend this meeting. They did not feel comfortable sending a board member who may not have enough information to present. They asked to hold the request until the May meeting.

Ms. Kelly mentioned the Symphony is a free event located at Caras Park. The park rental fee is \$600 and the request is for \$500 to help pay for the space.

Ms. Deschamps inquired if the Forum can vote on the request at this meeting.

Ms. Kelly replied the application states the request has to be supported by a neighborhood council or the Community Forum Leadership Team.

The Forum agreed to postpone the request until the May meeting.

2. NO VOTE AT THIS TIME: Small grants not recommended by the Leadership Team.
 - A. National Coalition Building Institute "Diversity Days" – Event has passed, submitted too late for consideration.
No discussion.
 - Miller Creek Urban Deer management – Held until City has a plan.
 - B. Mr. Wilkins stated the City Council is aware of the cities deer issue and is currently working to help with the Miller Creek Urban Deer Management. The council is waiting for the research of options and the results should be ready by the end of May. He does not recommend awarding grant funds for the urban deer issue at this time.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY FORUM:

- A. Leadership Team Elections

Mr. McMillin stated at a previous meeting he nominated everyone to serve on the Leadership Team and he asked Ms. Kelly to list the people who are current members.

Ms. Kelly said the Leadership Team consists of seven members and currently there are five that includes: Ray Aten, Jeff Stevens, Greg Gullickson, Lyle Geurts and Mark McMillin.

Mr. Aten and Ms. Kelly reviewed the Leadership Team role and responsibilities.

Ms. Foster said Mr. Neidigh, Ms. Deschamps, Mr. Christman and Mr. Grimm, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Christensen and Ms. Deschamps were nominated, and Ms. Deschamps requests to be removed from the nomination list. Mr. Aten moved to vote Mr. Neidigh to be a member on the Leadership Team.

The Forum approved Mr. Neidigh to be a member on the Community Forum Leadership Team.

- B. ONVYA and ONVGYA - Add new group category - Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer Group of the Year Award; decide on award and amount.

Ms. Kelly stated last year there was a nomination for the "Outstanding Volunteer Group of the Year Award" and it was presented to the committee. The committee denied the application because the award was created for an individual and not a group, but the committee agreed there should be an additional award for an "Outstanding Group." An additional plaque and tree will need to be purchased.

Mr. Aten moved to add an "Outstanding Neighborhood Group of the year Award" in addition to an "Outstanding Volunteer of the year award", and to purchase the approved awards from the reallocated fund account for up to \$250 for each tree and purchase both plaques from an alternative funding account for an unstipulated amount of money.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Forum discussed the award program.

C. Watercolors Training; \$1000 in budget for training – Erika Foster

Ms. Foster stated the Watercolors Training is arranged to allow training to create newsletters in WORD processing. Available openings are June 16th and June 30th and will go approximately two to three hours. She sent an email to the neighborhoods for comments and she received three emails; two members from the Southgate Triangle and one from Far Views/Pattee Canyon that would like to attend. There are two members from the Forum who requested to attend the training course on June 16th.

Ms. Kelly noted Watercolors will allow a prepaid punch card that will allow people to attend training at a later date. If there is interest, please contact Ms. Kelly.

The Forum agreed to attend the Saturday, June 16th training course and to use the remaining Watercolors Training funds for the punch card.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

A. Bike Walk Bus Week – Jane Kelly

Ms. Kelly announced "Bike Walk Bus Week" is scheduled for Saturday, April 28th located at McCormick Park from noon to 4:00 pm. It has been decided to have a table in the Festival of Bikes. There are two shifts available and to date there are three volunteers and she asked for one additional volunteer. Mr. Fountain volunteered to help table the event.

B. Sunday Streets – Team Leader

Ms. Kelly said she will not be available to organize or attend the Sunday Streets event scheduled on June 3rd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. She asked for interested volunteers to organize and attend the event. She stated previous events included helium, balloons, shade canopy, cupcakes/cookies, neighborhood name tags, a game and volunteers to educate citizens regarding the neighborhood program.

The Forum discussed the details to organize the event. Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Christman, Mr. Aten and Mr. Grimm volunteered to organize and attend the event.

C. Earth Day Report – Jesse Neidigh

Mr. Neidigh reported he attended the Earth Day event on April 22 at Caras Park. He distributed brochures, stickers and played the penny game. It was successful and they gathered email addresses and answered questions regarding Community Forum and Leadership Teams.

D. Branding Report – Allocation of Funds – Mark McMillin

Mr. McMillin said there has been interest in purchasing t-shirts, hats and visors with the neighborhood logo on them, and a few neighborhoods have ordered items. He discussed the benefits of wearing t-shirts and hats at neighborhood events. There is \$262 in the Branding account and each item cost \$9.00 a piece. He mentioned a possibility of purchasing two or three items per neighborhood.

Ms. Deschamps suggested each neighborhood purchase 10 t-shirts and give them away at events to the general public. Mr. McMillin agreed and suggested additional options.

Mr. Neidigh moved to purchase as many t-shirts the Community Forum Printing Budget account will allow.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Neidigh moved to purchase twenty-four hats from the Community Forum budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

E. Long Range Transportation Plan – Ray Aten

Mr. Aten stated there are three different scenarios regarding funding distribution.

- Bicycle/pedestrian trails that does not allot funding for roadways and road safety
- Transient emphasis
- Road safety

The next discussion is scheduled on May 3rd located at the Holiday Parkside at 6:30 pm and project prioritization is the discussion. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend.

REPORTS

A. Staff Report – Jane Kelly

Ms. Kelly said a small grant for Skyla Court was approved and they purchased a plaque with inscription that reads: "Trees and shrubs in this park were purchased with funds from the Missoula Neighborhood Councils and Skyla Court Town Home Association".

Ms. Kelly announced the City purchased new software known as SIRE and she has been in training in the past week. It includes an updated version of creating agendas and meeting minutes and allows the public to view all videotaped meetings on their computer.

B. Neighborhood Council Reports

Upper Rattlesnake – Doug Grimm reported they will meet on Sunday, April 29th.

Riverfront – Pom Fountain - No report

Northside/Westside – Kendell Lewis reported they are working with Missoula in Motion to host a neighborhood Sunday Streets, working with 1000 New Gardens, and working on new playground equipment, and they have 10 people on their Leadership Team.

River Road – Jesse Neidigh reported they are working with Parks & Rec. on trail issues and pet signs, and they will have another meeting in May.

Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten – No report

South 39th – Cathy Deschamps – No report

University District – Dave Christman - No report

Franklin to the Fort – Mark McMillin reported they are planning their summer social on July 24th and they will have a meeting on May 22nd.

Lewis & Clark – Pat McCormick reported they met and discussed Elections, sidewalk issues, ADU proposal, the golf course changes and they ate free ice cream.

Moose Can Gully – Lyle Geurts reported they are planning their nature picnic on June 5th.

City Council Liaison – Jon Wilkins reported the council is discussing the Mayors budget, ADU issue, deer problems and cell phone ban while driving.

Greg Gullickson will moderate the May meeting.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam

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