

Joint Moose Can Gully / South 39th St. Neighborhood Council Leadership Team

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 28th, 2017

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Playfair Park

3001 Bancroft

Missoula, MT 59801

In Attendance: Ariel Cornelius, Jane Kelly, Janet Van Dyke, Dave Touchette, Paul Kilzer, Jeff Stevens, Karen Gasvoda, and 45+ community members

Start: 6:00pm

End: 7:45

1. Welcome and Food

- Jane Kelly welcomed all community members

- Community members gathered, ate, and visited

2. History of Neighborhood Council-Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator

- In 1972, residence in Missoula wanted to increase government transparency and more local control of government.

- Three big changes occurred due to a vote.

- 1) City of Missoula to have a self-government with a charter

- 2) Elections to be non-partisan

- 3) Neighborhood councils

- This last change created the neighborhood councils we have today. There are 20 councils with Jane as the coordinator.

- The neighborhood councils have a couple of meetings a year, discuss a variety of topics/needs for their neighborhood, and even have bus tours.

- Today's meeting is one of the meetings neighborhood councils have, and today's meetings cover a variety of topics. Please feel free to ask questions or join your neighborhood council today.

3. MCPS update on Cold Springs School-Mark Thane

- In November of 2015, residents of Missoula passed the school bond bill. With this bond Cold Springs Elementary was voted to be moved and rebuilt.

- The need was great for Cold Springs. The classrooms in the old location are small; they were in modelers that were purchased used in 1980, and have poor foundations.

- The new location of the school is in the Maloney Ranch Linda Vista area in the Lower Miller Creek
- The school limit will be 500 children.
- A & E is the architectural firm hired for this project.
- The school will sit on 98 acres.
- The parking and drop off area will be away from the main road.
- The school will also have space for the community to use and rent out including a commons area and gym.
- Pictures of the school in and out were shared.
- Construction is scheduled to start in two weeks and set to open in August of 2018.
- The new school for the Cold Springs students will have a new name; there will be a naming process this fall or winter.
- There is no interest to sell the old Cold Springs location.
- There is no need to reassign boundaries yet, not worried about the issue now.
- Meadow Hill will also have reconstruction in the near future. The old Cold Springs School will be used to hold some of the Meadow Hill students when construction is happening.

4. Five Valleys Land Trust presentation on Mount Dean Stone Project-Grant Kier and Pelah Hoyt

- Five Valleys Land Trust started operations in 1972.
- Many projects around Missoula were assisted by the Five Valleys Land Trust including the Kim Williams Trail and the purchase of Mount Jumbo for trail access.
- Five Valleys Land Trust goal is to get the public outdoors and have access to trails.
- The south end of town is one part of town that is missing a comprehensive trail system.
- Due to this need, Five Valley Land Trust has begun working on Mount Dean Stone in three different stages.
 - Stage 1: Purchase land or get land donated. So far, this has been completed in the Mount Dean Stone area.
 - Trails on Mount Dean Stone trails will be opening in the fall
 - Stage 2: Land development behind the mountain
 - Still in the planning stages, but trail planning has begun
 - Stage 3: Unknown so far and still working with different property owners
 - Hopefully, there will be a connection to the Mount Dean Stone area from the south hills

-Right now the Five Valleys Land Trust is working with a variety of different groups to complete this big project, including many land owners

-The Land Trust is also running low on funds and a new bond may be coming soon. The Trust wants taxpayers to know that they understand many big bonds have passed in recent years and that they are doing everything possible to secure funds in different ways.

-Maps were shown for upcoming projects as well

5. Code Compliance: Weeds, line of sight, sidewalk repairs, overhanging trees- Charmell Owens

-Pamphlets and contact information was provided

-Charmell Owen's office goal is working with property owners and ensuring their property is in compliance with the city ordinances

-Fines and court fees can be assessed if compliance issues are not resolved

-Hazardous vegetation, including weeds that are over 4 inches tall

-Sign violations are also an issue and right of way issues, all signs need to be visible

-The office also works with zoning all properties and licensing all businesses

-The compliance office works with about 200 complaints at a time

6. Election of Leadership Team members- Jane Kelly

Moose Can Gully:

-Ariel Cornelius

-Kathleen Shepard

-Janet Van Dyke

-Tim Karst

-Cora Shepard

South 39th Street:

-Jeff Stevens

-Paul Kilzer

-Kevin Cahoon

-David Touchette

-Norman Fry

Members were voted on during meeting and approved through a neighborhood vote.

7. Question and Answer with City Council

-Many questions including street parking, sidewalks, and pets

8. Public comment on non-agenda items

-None

9. Announcements

-None

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