

## **Farviews – Pattee Canyon Neighborhood Council**

Social and Neighborhood Council General Meeting

**Thursday, September 7, 2017, 6:00pm**

**Whitaker Park**

### **Minutes**

1. The meeting began at 6:00 PM with a social. Hotdogs and Ice Cream Sandwiches were provided.
2. At 6:30 PM the Neighborhood Council meeting commenced. The sign-in sheet(s) indicated an attendance of forty-four. Ray Aten introduced the Leadership Team (Mary Marry was present; Mary Barnett, John O'Connor, and Wayne Heitt were absent).
3. The May 19, 2016 and July 7, 2016 general meeting minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.
4. Ray Aten noted the budget for Farviews-Pattee Canyon Neighborhood Council for 2017/2018 was \$1498 and expenses for the meeting were anticipated to be about \$940 leaving a balance of around \$560.
5. Trail plans and land acquisition for Dean Stone Mountain were presented by Whitney Schwab and Pelah Hoyt from Five Valleys Land Trust. The presentation included the status of Mount Dean Stone North and South. Of note Mount Dean Stone South is closed due to smoke and a work party is being organized by REI for Mount Dean Stone North. Information about the work party will be posted on the Five Valleys Land Trust website (fvlt.org).
6. Chris Boza, Urban Forester, City of Missoula reviewed the criteria and process for developing a Tree Plan for Farviews-Pattee Canyon and introduced Ray Aten and Anita Vasques as the members of the tree advisory committee. He asked the audience to select about 15-20 trees from the list of 39 options by voting using dot stickers. The results of the selection will be tabulated and used to produce the final "palate".
7. John O'Connor was unavailable for an update on the Whitaker Park Forest Service Building. Ray Aten presented John's conclusions as provided in an email to the leadership team dated September 07, 2017 8:46 AM:
  - Review by City officials has determined the building continues to deteriorate and is not safe for public access. The building support system is rotting, the electrical system is non-functional, the water system has been removed. There is a large potential for Asbestos, the roofing is deteriorating, and the windows are non-functional. In short, the City feels the cost to repair the building would not support the value of the building. In addition, the City has no funds budgeted to either repair, restore, or move the structure
  - All officials and agencies contacted stated the building is not on any historical register or has not been determined to have any significant historical value

- Historical Fort Missoula might be interested in the building but has no funds to move or restore it, the same is true for the National Forest Service Museum
- No significant actions from Neptune at this time
- Overall conclusion is we should continue to seek ways to have the building moved or demolished and replaced with a picnic shelter/structure of some kind. Conversations with Parks Department officials have included the possibility of having an open sided shelter that could have “wall-style” tent added for winter months to be used as a warming area for winter play. These conversations have also spilled over to include replacing the basketball court surface and goal.

Ray Aten noted that the Missoula Historic Preservation officer was unable to find any record indicating that the Forest Service Building had been applied for and placed on the Historic record and that the building had great potential for applying for placement on the Historic record.

8. Ray Aten requested attendees to become part of the leadership team. Several audience members (past members of the LT) added their support. Cathy Nolan volunteered and was elected by a unanimous voice vote., a new Nomination and Election of new leadership team members
9. Public Comment about items not on the agenda included a question about sidewalks for Whitaker and a statement that the Forest Service building should have bathrooms available.
10. Ray Aten will report the above items to City Council.
11. Announcements:
  - Candidate Forum – October 4, 2017, 6-8 PM, Lewis and Clark Village Community Room
  - Information of the Tourist Home ordinance is available.
  - Next general meeting is projected to be early in November (November 2).
12. The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.