

## Moose Can Gully and South 39th Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: April 3, 2018

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Jack Reidy Conference Room 140 W. Pine Street

Meeting Start: 5:30 End 6:30

Attendees: Ariel Cornelius, Jane Kelly, Kathleen Shepherd, Cora Shepherd, Jeff Stevens, Paul Kilzer, David Touchette, Ethan Smith, Vincent Giammona, and Julie Robitaille

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### 1. Approval of October 4, 2017 Candidates' Forum and October 5, 2017 Candidates' Forum meeting minutes

- The minutes were approved by both councils.

### 2. Neighborhood Watch – Ethan Smith, Missoula Crime Prevention Officer

- He is here to help revitalize and coordinate Neighborhood Watch programs.
- Right now, the Neighborhood Watch program is growing with a new president, treasurer and new members. Officer Smith will be attending general public meetings to help get the word out and invite more people to become involved in the Neighborhood Watch. There is a need in Moose Can Gully and South 39<sup>th</sup>.
- This opportunity provides a connection with the neighborhoods and the police department.
- Safety training and tips to protect your valuables are provided.
- It costs \$2 per family per year with 1 meeting every 3-4 months.
- Efforts are being made to work with the transient property and mental health, as these issues have been increasing. Please feel free to contact 728-0911, the non-emergency line to get any assistance regarding issues in the neighborhood. There are issues on the buses and regarding bus issues due to zero fares. Also, if you see any transient camps or other issues, please contact the non-emergency number.
- How can individuals learn more information?
  - They can go to the city police website and look at Neighborhood Watch or contact [esmith@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:esmith@ci.missoula.mt.us).

### 3. MCPS Vincent Giammona: Principal with 450 students at the Chief Charlo

- We have an upcoming levy starting April 18<sup>th</sup> going through May 8<sup>th</sup>. It is a mail out ballot only. He is getting out information about the new levy, what it means, and what it has meant in the past.
- There are two different districts in Missoula County Public Schools. There is the k-8 and the 9-12 districts. Each have different funding needs.
  - \$300,000 for k-8, \$7 per house hold for a \$200,000 home
  - \$164,000 for the 9-12, \$2.25 per household for a \$200,000 home

- This would affect taxes by \$9.25 per year. Currently a levy, the building reserve fund, is ending though so the difference comes out to be \$5.50 a year or about 50 cents a month.
- We get a set amount of dollars from the state and local mills assist.
- This funding provides us the opportunity to fund the students' education, including technology, safety, and keeping the lights on. Please feel free to contact Vincent anytime regarding questions or concerns.  
Julie Robitaille:
- You can find more information at [mcpsmt.org](http://mcpsmt.org) and open the initiatives link. There you will find the levy.
  - Accomplishments are also listed and different opportunities that the schools are providing for students.
  - Providing technology and building updates are assisting.
  - This is for the annual budget for next year, helping pay for the lights, security to technology. For both the classrooms and the school.

#### 4. Fundraising to further develop a connecting trail to the Farviews/Pattee Canyon area: TABLED

- Need the city planning, parks and rec, and 5 Valleys to be invited to next meeting.

#### 5. Sidewalk Assessment – Paul Kilzer, Jane Kelly

- We used a tablet/smart phone to determine the presence of a sidewalk, description, quality, on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being new and 1 failing. Photos were added with hazards or missing sidewalks. This then went into a large map of all of Missoula. There was a large amount of varying data, including missing sidewalks. This program is assisting the city in planning future sidewalk planning.
- Not everything is complete yet, but no contact has been made. Please keep your eyes open for new opportunities to help.
- Sidewalk plan was about 25 years old that did not prioritize sidewalk planning. By doing this, the city can now see where there is a need and create plans.
- Invest Health Missoula began looking at different concerns for certain areas of the city, River Road, Franklin to the Fort, and Northside/Westside. They were looking at what was causing people to have obesity, depression, and asthma. The big item is missing sidewalks. Due to the discovery, federal block grants and the city partially matched the funding, and opportunities were provided to pay for sidewalks in these neighborhoods.

#### 6. Trees – cutting and planting, and Tree Report: TABLED

- Invite Marie to next meeting.
- There are concerns in other areas:
  - Jane gave update: The city is putting in a Bike Skills park and they were going to be taking out the bad trees. Some were going to be left, but all trees ended up getting cut down. This has caused some issues with a neighborhood. All trees were found to be a danger with youth at the bike skills park.
  - Some trees should be planted to help replace the trees taken from the neighborhood.

## 7. Plan for general meeting

- Plan Talking Points:
  - Smart 911, Nick Holloway, will be invited to present at the next general meeting
  - Wildland Fires
  - Question and Answer with City Council, would be good
  - Tree Updates
  - Connecting Trails
  - Elections would need to take place
- Plan for general meeting June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.
- Roles
  - Ariel-will make postcards
  - Janet-signs for Moose Can Gully
  - Jeff-signs for South 39th
  - Paul-Pork
  - Kathleen: Veggie Tray, Fruit, Water, Potato Salad, and Chips

## 8. Review leadership team duties

- The only issue we have right now is Community Forum. Kathleen will represent Moose Can Gully and Jeff will represent South 39<sup>th</sup> on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. Office of Neighborhoods Report

- Bus tour is full and is planned April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 10. Community Forum Report

- Construction on Russell.
  - Making the road wider and adding another light on Wyoming Street. Construction will take 2 years with two phases.
  - Russell Street Bridge will be re-built with pedestrian pass underneath.
  - Possible temporary light at Wyoming

## 11. Public comment on non-agenda items

- No Public comment on non-agenda items

## 12. Announcements

- No announcements

Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator  
Karen Gasvoda, Program Assistant  
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