

City of Missoula

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

May 22, 2019 6:00 PM

Jack Reidy Conference Room, 140 W Pine Street

MCG Present: Janet Van Dyke, Carol Garlington, Ariel Cornelius, Betsy Weber

South 39th Present: Paul Kilzer

Others Present: Karen Gasvoda, Office of Neighborhoods Program Assistant

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Janet Van Dyke, MCG Chair.

1. Approval of April 22, 2019 Leadership Team meeting minutes

- a. Correction to item 7.a "Plan for General Meeting June 26, 2019". Agenda item - Hillview Crossing Update - presenter was changed to "Territorial Landworks."
- b. A motion by Paul Kilzer to approve the minutes after spelling and wording clarification edits was approved.

2. Review Current Neighborhood Council Bylaws

Members reviewed current bylaws for both Moose Can Gully and South 39th Neighborhood Council; and compared them to a new template for bylaws offered by Jane Kelly at the April meeting. The new template had greater clarity and improved formatting. A motion by Paul Kilzer to recommend the new template with revisions was approved, for both neighborhoods.

- a. Decision was made to keep separate sets of bylaws for MCG and South 39th Neighborhood Councils, though they may be identical.
- b. Changes noted from old to new:
 - i. Leadership Team shall be 3 to 7 elected residents (currently 5 to 7)
 - ii. Leadership Team member two-year terms with no term limits (currently there are varying term limits for different roles in MCG and South 39th Leadership Teams, subject to waiver)
 - iii. Decisions made by simple majority rather than 2/3 majority vote, except for amendments to the bylaws, which will continue to require a 2/3 majority vote.
 - iv. Seven-day notice for elections and meetings – currently 15 days (Karen with check with attorney about this)

Next steps:

- a. **Karen will make changes to template requested by members.**
- b. **Proposed bylaws revisions will be presented to the neighborhoods at the General Meeting June 26th for approval. Notice of proposed changes will be sent in the meeting announcement postcard.**

3. Plan for General Meeting June 26, 2019

Plans and assignments as described in April 22, 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed. 60 people are expected to attend.

Agenda item "Hillview Crossing update" was made tentative due to a lack of recent progress and questionable availability of a speaker from Territorial Landworks, Inc.

4. Priorities for Questionnaire

An on-line questionnaire developed by Jane Kelly was reviewed. A list of topics was provided with neighborhood residents asked to prioritize their top three concerns. Much discussion occurred about which format would be best to elicit specific concerns from neighborhood residents.

- a. Decision was made to keep a list of broad topics, e.g., Streets, Urban Deer, Parks and Open Space etc., and ask for a specific description of the concern with each.
- b. Decision was made to provide three "Other" blanks for items not already listed.
- c. Responders will be asked to provide an address to verify MCG or South 39th Street Neighborhood residency.

Next Steps:

- a. **Karen will make changes recommended by members to Jane's questionnaire draft.**
- b. **Betsy will include link to questionnaire in General Meeting postcard if ready by time of printing.**
- c. **Paper copies of the questionnaire will be available at the General Meeting June 26th.**

5. Community Forum update

Carol reported the following activity at the April 25, 2019 Community Forum meeting:

- a. A presentation by Mark Thane about MCPS Boundary Study which affects our neighborhoods. There have been numerous community meetings. A 6-year phase-in is planned.
- b. The Downtown Master Plan was presented by Linda McCarthy. A formal presentation by consultants is occurring at the time of this meeting at the Wilma Theater.
- c. Nick Shontz (River Road Neighborhood) gave a presentation commending the Citizens Academy, which he attended.

6. Office of Neighborhoods Report

Karen reported the following activities since the last meeting:

- a. Planning for a June "City Streets" Office of Neighborhoods table
- b. Hosting of Traffic Circle Volunteer Appreciation event, attended by 25 people.
- c. Office of Neighborhoods has moved to space next door.

7. Public comment on non-agenda items

- a. Karen reported clarification about how to respond to dead deer.
 - i. Call 911 only for carcasses in the street affecting traffic
 - ii. Call Republic Services 543-3157 for other carcasses.
- b. Ariel announced her plan to resign from the MCG Leadership Team after the General Meeting June 26.
- c. **Betsy will follow up with Jane** about an issue from the April meeting (ADA rules for sidewalk accessibility)

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:41PM.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Weber, Secretary