

City of Missoula
**Joint Moose Can Gully and South 39th Neighborhood Council Leadership Team
Meeting Minutes**

July 22, 2019 6:00 PM

Hal Fraser Conference Room, 140 W Pine Street
Missoula, Montana 59801

Moose Can Gully Team Leaders Present: Carol Garlington, John Nugent

Moose Can Gully Team Leaders Absent: Betsy Weber, Jennifer Stephens, Janet Van Dyke

South 39th Team Leaders Present: Dave Bell, Ruth Burke, Paul Kilzer, Jeff Stevens

South 39th Team Leaders Absent: Rosemary Hubbard, David Touchette

City Staff Present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator;

Neighbors Present: Terry Burke

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Paul Kilzer. Jeff Stevens arrived at 6:06 and assumed leadership of the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 22, 2019 leadership team meeting, and June 26, 2019 general meeting were reviewed. The June 26, 2019 minutes were corrected to reflect that the roster was not attached and the leadership team members were listed.

Carol moved to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2019 leadership team meeting. The motion was seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Paul moved to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2019 general meeting, with the minutes corrected to reflect the roster not being attached, and the leadership team members being listed. The motion was seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Neighborhood recommendation about Hillview Crossing

Project Description:

Hillview Crossing is a proposed Townhome Development of approximately 25.6 acres located below and north of Hillview Way in Missoula's South Hills area, proposed by developers John Guiliani and Dan Ermatinger. The development is slated for vacant property west of Hillview Way, south of the Wapikya area south of South 39th Street and north of the Moose Can Gully neighborhood. It would be accessed off Hillview Way.

The legal description of the property is: Portion of the Southeast ¼, Northeast ¼, Section 6, T12N, R19W, less Wapikiya Addition No. 3, located in the City of Missoula, Missoula County, Montana.

As part of the townhome development, there will be a total of 34 attached townhomes resulting in 68 dwelling units. Development will include new roads, sidewalks, a trail, extensions to the public water and wastewater systems, and a stormwater collection and management system. The proposed development is located on undeveloped land

surrounded by urban developments with open space, fair conditioned grassland and steeper slopes.

City staff has recommended approval of the development, with 23 conditions.

The City Land Use and Planning Committee has not made a recommendation on the project citing the need for more information on storm water runoff and geotechnical engineering, and among concerns over liability and impacts on the neighborhood.

Discussion:

Citation from Title 1, chapter 18 Missoula Municipal Code (MMC), titled “NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS AND COMMUNITY FORUM” includes the following under 1.18.040 Duties:

“Each Neighborhood Council and the Community Forum shall advise the City government on the neighborhood and citywide issues. Each Neighborhood Council shall determine the issues on which advice will be given...”

There was discussion regarding the role of the neighborhood council regarding the proposed development and the process to determine if and when the neighborhood council should take a position and how to advise the City.

No action will occur until the land use planning committee takes further action.

3. Review Leadership Team Roles

The Bylaws for Moose Can Gully/South 39th Street indicate that leadership team members should, on an annual basis, designate team members to fill the positions of Co-Chairpersons, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Community Forum representative and alternate.

The following were selected to fill the roles:

South 39th Co-Chairperson: Jeff Stevens

Moose Can Gully Co-Chairperson: John Nugent

Secretary: Betsy Weber

South 39th Treasurer: Dave Bell

Moose Can Gully Treasurer: John Nugent

South 39th Community Forum representative: Jeff Stevens

South 39th Community Forum alternate: Paul Kilzer and Ruth Burke

Moose Can Gully Community Forum representative: Carol Garlington

Moose Can Gully Community Forum alternate: Betsy Weber

4. Priorities Survey

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There was discussion regarding the priorities identified in resident surveys, and how best to advise the City on these identified neighborhood priorities: Street maintenance; Homelessness/transients; Weeds; Urban deer; Recycling; Animal waste in parks; Parks and open space; Bike trails

There was additional discussion on:

- Urban Deer and whether some grant monies could/should be spent on studying alternatives for addressing the urban deer issue,
- Hillview Way, and who is responsible for mowing/control of weeds along the roadway/sidewalk, which, in some places, are currently a wildland fire hazard, especially along the east side of Hillview Way.
- Hillview Way, and who is responsible for clearing of snow from the sidewalk.
- Snow removal from the sidewalks along the south side of 39th Street where the backside of many of the houses face 39th street.
- Role of the community forum on common priority items among multiple neighborhoods and use of neighborhood grant monies from multiple neighborhoods to study and act on a common issue, like urban deer.

5. Community Forum Update

Carol reported the following topics from the June 27, 2019 Community Forum:

Overview of the Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization - David Gray, Transportation Planner III

David Gray presented on the Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization. He spoke on what the MPO is and why it is important, the structure of the MPO, primary responsibilities, how the long range transportation plan works, funding, what they do, performance measure calculations, and inventory potential.

Arts Missoula - Tom Benson, Executive Director

Tom Benson with Arts Missoula spoke on the background of the organization, the education portion of what they do, the Global and Cultural Affairs program, the Sister City program, advocacy and the economic impact, the celebration of the arts, the Public Art Committee, and some of the events they sponsor.

Wildfire Preparedness - Max Rebholz, Office of Emergency Management

Max Rebholz spoke on Wildfire Preparedness. He gave some background information, cumulative effects of fire suppression and selective harvesting, growth and expansion of the wildland urban interface, the need to educate the community, the cohesive strategy and implementation

of plans, and resilient landscapes. There will be learning laboratories for the public to attend. They also provide free wildfire site visits and organize neighborhood wildfire ambassador groups. He reminded everyone to sign up for SMART 911.

The agenda for the July 25, 2019 Community Forum meeting includes updates on 44 Ranch Park, Bancroft Trail, Van Buren Soil Wall Mural, and Old Sawmill District; and reports on Neighborhood project funds, Off-Campus Renter Center Snow Shovel Grant, Re-scoping of the Slant Street Gateway Grant, and a Large Grant Funding Recommendation

6. Office of Neighborhoods Report

Jane reported on the large and small grant application process.

<http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/304/Neighborhood-Grants>

Each year, the Missoula City Council allocates \$20,000 for Neighborhood Project Funds (NPF) for large grants and small grants. Approximately \$18,000 is targeted for large grants, and \$2,000 is allocated for small grants.

A pre-application workshop will be held on September 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Applicants are strongly advised to attend as the grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

Jane reported the following activities since the last meeting:

a. Arranging numerous Candidate Forums for City Council candidates

7. Public comment on non-agenda items

No comments

8. Announcements

No announcements

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Leadership Team, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday September 23, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Hal Fraser Conference Room 140 W. Pine Street, Missoula, Montana, 59801.

Submitted by John Nugent, Recording Secretary