

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

January 27, 2020 6:00 PM

Hal Fraser Conference Room, 140 W Pine Street, Missoula

MCG Present: John Nugent-Chair, Carol Garlington, Betsy Weber

MCG Absent: Janet Van Dyke (Deanna Burich is no longer on team)

South 39th Present: Paul Kilzer, Ruth Burke, Dave Bell

South 39th Absent: Jeff Stevens-Chair, David Touchette. (Rosemary Hubbard is no longer on team)

City Staff Present: Jane Kelly, Office of Neighborhoods Program Coordinator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by John Nugent.

1. November 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Paul Kilzer proposed adding a statement about a plan to follow up with Bryan von Lossberg about the Urban Deer study. Carol Garlington moved the minutes be approved with this addition. This was seconded and unanimously approved

2. Neighborhood Priorities Questionnaire Results Summary

Carol Garlington presented "Neighborhood Priorities -- Follow Up", the latest draft of our 2019 questionnaire response summary, with Leadership Team members' suggestions incorporated. Members accepted this draft and thanked Carol for pulling this together.

Formatting changes are needed before finalizing; then it will be emailed to those responding to the questionnaire and available for distribution to neighbors. Jane Kelly will post in Neighborhood Digest, and on the Neighborhood website under "Documents and Resources", near "City-wide Neighborhood Priorities".

Paul requested that MCG and South 39ths Neighborhoods be separated on the City-wide Neighborhood Priorities grid. Jane agreed to do this, noting the difficulty keeping this updated with her current staff.

3. Update on Neighborhood Project Funds Grants

Jane Kelly reported that the final vote on NPF grant awards will be on the consent agenda at tonight's City Council meeting. Proposals were approved at the December Community Forum meeting. From our neighborhoods, Splash MT art box project was approved. Mayor Engen has given verbal approval to the Urban Deer Study project, to be funded outside of Neighborhood Grant Funds.

4. Cold Springs School Property

Paul Kilzer reported on this topic. As stated in our 9/23/2019 MCG/S39th Neighborhood Council Leadership Team minutes and subsequent reports, Missoula County Public Schools and The Missoula Early Learning Center (MELC) have entered into an agreement for MELC to lease most of the vacant Cold Springs School property. MELC currently provides childcare serves for approximately 60 children at 2120 Ernest Avenue. After a \$1.1 million renovation of the Cold Springs School buildings and a late 2020 opening date, MELC plans to provide childcare for up to 192 children, ages 6 weeks to preschool, thereby helping to address a shortage of childcare services in Missoula.

On 1/24/2020, P. Kilzer discussed the MCPS/MELC plans with Michelle Cares at MELC. Mark Roberts or another MELC representative would be happy to report on this topic at the next Moose Can Gully/South 39th Street Neighborhood Council General Meeting.

5. Hillview Crossing Update

Jeff Stevens was absent but members reported that this project has been approved by City Council. There are plans for concerns to be addressed. A geological study that was outdated is being repeated.

6. Urban Deer Study

Paul Kilzer reported on this topic. After a 12/5/2019 follow-up discussion between Ruth Burke, Paul Kilzer, and Bryan von Lossberg, Paul and Ruth sent a 12/9/2019 email to Mr. von Lossberg providing a contemporaneous summary of their views. This email was copied to MCG and S39th NC Leadership Teams and Jane Kelly (see attached) .

In a 1/17/2020 email, Mr. von Lossberg informed Paul and Ruth that he met with UM Forestry Prof. Dr. Josh Millspaugh, his TA and a PhD grad. student regarding their plans to study urban deer in Missoula. Mr. von Lossberg is scheduled to speak to Dr. Millspaugh and his students in a classroom setting 1/28/2020 and has invited Ruth and Paul to attend. Mr. von Lossberg, Dr. Millspaugh, and his students are planning to present census information and a review of management strategies in one of the City Council committees (either Public Safety and Health or Committee of the Whole) in late April just before the UM class concludes.

Also, Mr. von Lossberg noted that MT FWP Region 2 Supervisor Randy Arnold is reaching out to Dr. Millspaugh and others at UM to get better acquainted with their census protocol, particularly given the growing statewide concerns regarding Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Montana. On the CWD topic, John Nugent provided copies of the 1/25/2020 Missoula Current article by Laura Lundquist ["Spread of chronic wasting disease may push Missoula toward deer control"](#).

7. MCG/S39th Street Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Goals for 2020

Paul Kilzer asked members to consider Leadership Team goals for 2020. Members agreed with his suggestion to explore how our neighborhoods could work to mitigate climate change. Dave Bell noted that this is also a topic of interest for Missoula Public Schools.

Discussion followed about many directions available: linking to the City of Missoula efforts such as Energy and Climate Action, the Energy and Climate Team, and ZERO by FIFTY: Missoula's Pathway to Zero Waste; the potential to engage young people (Hellgate HS students currently working on this), opportunities to provide education about the impacts of recycling.

Paul recommended that members review the city website, "City of Missoula Conservation & Climate Action Plan" and "ZERO by FIFTY: Missoula's Pathway to Zero Waste". It was agreed that we ask Chase Jones, Energy Conservation Coordinator to attend our March meeting. Jane will contact him.

8. Sandwich board purchase

Janet Van Dyke was absent but her written request to purchase new sandwich boards was read. Sandwich boards are used to notify neighbors of general meetings. Betsy noted that the current MCG boards are in poor condition. Both MCG and South 39th are believed to have a supply of sandwich boards.

Members present were not clear how many boards each neighborhood currently has or how many are needed. Dave Bell agreed to contact Janet to get more information.

9. Office of Neighborhood Report

Jane Kelly announced the annual bus tour of Neighborhoods to occur April 16th 5-8 pm. A sign-up is required. Jane distributed forms to be completed by those interested.

10. Community Forum Report

Jane reported there was a short December meeting at which the Neighborhood Project Funds were approved, with a holiday party following. For the January meeting, Caroline Lauer of "Climate Smart Missoula" presented, as well as others.

11. Public comment on non-agenda items

No non-members were present. Jane noted that citizens were gathering for the 7:00 PM City Council meeting, at which the rezoning/condo development proposal at 4th and Ronald would be discussed.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm by John Nugent.

Next meeting: March 23, 2020.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Betsy Weber - Secretary