

Community Forum Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2021

6:00 PM

Virtual Zoom

Neighborhoods:

Captain John Mullan – Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Franklin to the Fort – Grant Creek – Heart of Missoula – Lewis & Clark – Lower Rattlesnake – Miller Creek – Moose Can Gully – Northside/Westside – Riverfront – River Road – Rose Park – South 39th – Southgate Triangle – Two Rivers - University District – Upper Rattlesnake

Present: Colleen Biehl, Lewis & Clark – Carol Garlington, Moos Can Gully – Mary Sanja, Southgate triangle – Mike Painter, Rose Park – Ray Aten, Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Bert Lindler, Grant Creek – Robert Schultz, Lower Rattlesnake – Leah Morrow, Heart of Missoula – Bryce Rowe, University District – Kate Laney, Two Rivers – Jack Walton, Miller Creek

Others Present: Colin Woodrow, Neighborhood Coordinator, Kelly Elam, Program Assistant, Heidi West, City Council, Ward 1

Introductions: – (15)

The Forum was asked what they would like to change in Missoula.

Comments were:

- More green space
- less sprawl
- less people coming here
- better street structure
- change the UM Grizzly's uniform color back to copper & gold
- more equality between neighborhoods
- better sidewalks
- more support of mental health resources.

Approve Minutes for [January 2, 2021](#)

No quorum, minutes will be approved at a later date.

MNH Updates: (20)

- NH Improvement Grants:

The improvement grant has been updated and is posted on the Neighborhood website. There is another workshop on Monday, April 5, at 5:30 pm for questions and help if needed.

- NH Cleanups:

The neighborhood clean-up is scheduled on April 24. Colin displayed the flyer for viewing. It is hopeful that the neighborhoods can come together and create new connections.

- NH Meetings:

Some neighborhoods are meeting and others are struggling. Community Forum will start meeting monthly starting in May.

Assessment Follow up: (20)

- Purpose Statement Breakouts:

The members were divided in break out rooms to discuss what the City can do to improve better relations with the neighborhoods.

- Share issues and concerns with other neighborhoods and City leaders.
- More engagement
- City needs to listen more to residents
- Need to feel valued and have a reason to participate
- Rebuild neighborhood connections

- Bylaws, Policies and Procedures; Consultant to work with Forum:

- Discussion at the May CF Meeting
- June Rollout

Budget Update: (15)

- NC General and Mailer Funds
- Forum \$2200 which will be swept by the end of June
- \$5000 Capon Carryover that becomes Reallocated Funds
- Possible funding Options for unused money that otherwise goes back to the coffers including PR Campaign

Colin gave a presentation on the neighborhood funds and what happens to it when the new fiscal year begins on July 1, of every year.

City Council Update – (5)

- City Hall is being restructured, Missoula Neighborhoods is now located in the main building on first floor.
- P&R is doing a good job with activities and Covid.
- Engage Missoula is strong and is on the website for citizens to make comments on projects.
- The Parks & Rec. is working out the details for the new Community Center at McCormick Park.

Questions & Comments from Forum (10)

There were questions about the Rail Road clean up.

Heidi answered the questions.

Public Comment (non-agenda items) (10)
None

Adjournment:
The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM