

**Community Forum Meeting
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2010
6:00 p.m. City Council Chambers
Moderator, Hans Christiansen**

Captain John Mullan – Kathie Snodgrass (Rep)
Emma Dickinson-(River Road) – Mike Hathaway (Rep)
Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten (Rep)
Franklin to the Fort – Jon Salmonson (Rep)
Grant Creek – Don Nicholson (Rep)
Heart of Missoula –Bill Flanery (Rep)
Lewis & Clark – Greg Gullickson (Rep)
Lower Rattlesnake – Absent
Miller Creek – Absent
Moose Can Gully – Lyle Geurts (Rep)
Northside –Absent
Riverfront – Gwen Hoppe (Alt)
Rose Park – Dianna Garrett LT
South 39th – Absent
Southgate Triangle – Hans Christiansen (Rep)
University District – John Firehammer (Rep)
Upper Rattlesnake – Absent
Westside –Absent

City Council Liaison – Absent
Neighborhood Liaison –Erin Scott

Others Present

Pam Gardiner, Anne Jablonski, Erik West, Janet Fiero, Christine Ross, Patricia Hogan, Jason Pignanelli, Jane Kelly, Judy Hewitt

Quorum

Quorum is present.

***Adoption of Agenda** (items from consent agenda can be moved to committee reports by any CF rep as deemed necessary at this time). Very short agenda as this time will be used for Appreciative Inquiry training.

***Approval of CF Minutes**

Approve meeting minutes from March 25, 2010. **Mr. Gullickson** moved to approve the minutes. **Ms. Snodgrass** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment (non-agenda items from audience)

John Wolverton made an announcement about the Tar Sands project and that the transportation of huge equipment will go through our community. He spoke about our community allowing this to happen will open the door for other companies who are interested in the route to use it too. He said the traffic this will generate will be slow moving, turnouts have to be made, and this will disrupt normal driving and be bad for tourism. He handed out information on a public hearing event to get a full environmental assessment done on this project.

Mr. Christiansen commented that Southgate Triangle NC has a new Community Forum Representative appointed and introduced Erik West. He went on to say this would be his last meeting as official representative, and that he has enjoyed his time working with this body and serving his neighborhood. Mr. Gullickson said that he will be missed, and that he has enjoyed learning from and working with Mr. Christiansen over the years and commended him for his service. At this point, Mr. Christiansen was given a standing ovation and applause for his service.

Committee Reports

Active Transportation Plan–Jon Salmonson

There will be a census count of bike/ped numbers and there is still time to participate. The subcommittees are meeting regularly and there is still time to submit comments.

Marketing/Networking Committee–Bill Flannery

Mr. Flannery provided a recap of the training held April 17th. He said he felt it was a good training. The group in attendance discussed how to get people to come to meetings and how to write news releases and get press coverage at events. It was suggested a new logo be created for the Office of Neighborhoods to serve as a brand, a universal symbol to represent neighborhoods; and from that brand, each NC could have a logo that ties in to that for a cohesive identity and recognition. It was suggested to have an art contest involving school kids. He went on to say that a suggestion to come up with a special day designation for neighborhoods, like I Love Missoula Day or Love Your Neighbor Day.

Ms. Hoppe is a high school art teach and thinks that would be good to have a contest. Ms. Scott commented this would be a project to take up in the Fall when school starts and by next Spring celebrate the special day event. Notes on the brainstorming that occurred at the training will be comprised and circulated for further input and planning.

Neighborhood Liaison Report – Erin Scott

Reminder that the budget reallocation process is occurring, let Erin Scott know by Monday what monies you anticipate spending, and she will be following up next week.

Final Business

*Monthly report to City Council – Erin Scott will prepare the report and attend the next council meeting. (The monthly report to City Council will be made by the moderator of the meeting. The report made will address all items on the Community Forum agenda for the month. A request for reporting on non-agenda items will occur at Community Forum to ensure pertinent non-agenda are reported as well).

The next CF meeting moderator will be **Mr. Stevens**.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 07:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ross

Christine Ross
Secretary, Office of Neighborhoods

*Copies of any handouts and referenced documents at this meeting are on file in the City Clerk's Office