

April 27, 2010
Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood Meeting
Location: Missoula Friends Meeting House
1861 S. 12th West

Welcome and Call to Order

Announcements and public comments on items not on the agenda

Robert E. Parcell, candidate for Sheriff, also attended and gave a brief explanation of his background, why he is running for Sheriff and his belief of the vital connection the neighborhoods play in law enforcement; service to the citizens is of primary concern.

There was a correction to the announcement for the Pre-Application Workshop for Neighborhood Project Funds for Wednesday April 28th. The time is 6-7:30 pm, NOT 7 - 8:30 pm.

Front Porch Initiative

Anne Jablonski, a realtor with Windermere, attended and explained the front porch initiative and that she will be an advocate for our neighborhood. This is a program where the real estate sector has a web page showing what's great about living in each neighborhood within the greater Missoula area. It is a test for application across the nation. Anne would be a voice for us and this would be both another vehicle for making information about our neighborhood available and a resource for city-wide information.

Treasurer's Report

Jon Salmonson reported the budgets are the same as last month with \$1158 in the mailing supplement and \$768 in the general budget. Unspent monies will be reallocated to be utilized by the neighborhoods with the possibility of carrying the money over for first three months to cover the summer months in between the Council budget approval process. It was decided to hold the dollars until the Neighborhood Liaison reports back on May 25.

The Neighborhood Council brochure printing cost is estimated to be \$800-\$900 which would be about \$40 per neighborhood.

Franklin School Fundraiser (Grant application)

Julie Merritt's presentation on the Franklin School fundraiser for playground equipment (grant application) was moved to the May meeting at her request. This will be a year-long fundraiser with many activities. We need to see how we can support them - should proposed F2F garage sale be for their benefit?

Jon Salmonson provided a Parks and Trails update. No reply received from Ellen Buchanan at Missoula Redevelopment Agency. Jon requested a copy of the letter sent to her. Letter did not request specific action or contact; we need to follow-up with her.

Active Transportation Plan

Jon Salmonson provided that at the recent meeting they discussed traffic signals and pedestrians. He said that Steve King is at most of the meetings and said signals are set to keep vehicular traffic moving smoothly (for air quality purposes?) not necessarily timed for pedestrians and to facilitate walking. He reminded folks there will be a traffic count of bicycles and pedestrians on Tuesday May 4 and Saturday May 8 at 35 locations and are looking for volunteers. Training is offered beforehand on the process.

There was a short discussion of the sidewalk program for 2011.

New Business

It was also decided to have the June 22 meeting at the Missoula Friends Meeting House and hold the July and August meetings as a picnic or other outdoor activity in order to allow the facility to be utilized by others during the summer months.

No Alderman Update tonight

Next Meeting: *May 25, 2010 at Missoula Friends Meeting House 1861 S. 12th West*

Minutes submitted by Judy Hewitt