

**Community Forum Meeting
Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2008
7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers
Moderator, Hans Christiansen**

Captain John Mullan – Absent
Emma Dickinson – Absent
FarViews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten (Rep)
Franklin to the Fort – Jon Salmonson (Alt)
Grant Creek – Absent
Heart of Missoula – Absent
Lewis & Clark – Greg Gullickson (Rep)
Lower Rattlesnake – Absent
Miller Creek – Absent
Moose Can Gully – Jo Kimery (Alt)
Northside – Absent
Riverfront – Absent
Rose Park – Absent
South 39th – Absent
Southgate Triangle – Hans Christiansen (Rep)
University District – Fred Bodholt (Alt)
Upper Rattlesnake – Absent
Westside – Absent

City Council Liaison – Absent
Neighborhood Liaison – LaNette Diaz

Others Present

Quorum

Quorum is non-present, move on to non-action items.

Public Comment

None

Neighborhood Liasion Report–LaNetteDiaz

Upcoming Neighborhood Training Series–Workshops and Schedule

Designed around a survey to determine what topics people would like to see. Need input to determine what day of the week. In order to meet those requests the following is proposed:

- January 21st — Orientation
- February 18th—Controversial Issues Dialogue and Process
- March 18th—Facilitation and Meeting Management
- February 26th—Survey Development and Team Building. These topics were popular so decided that holding this training at the Community Forum. It would be good to invite the leadership teams to this and participate in the team building section.

Mailing of training announcements will be processed out of the Neighborhood Office. There is a budget of \$1000.00 and there will be costs for trainers. Child care will be provided if requested through The Parenting Place.

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New Business—LaNette Diaz

Establishing a charitable arm of Missoula Neighborhoods, as a non-profit 501C3 for the Neighborhood Office. This came about after looking into grant opportunities. Some examples of grant opportunities include: assess community need at a neighborhood level; develop a communication system to get information out to citizens; and neighborhood action plans. Given the state of the economy and city budget, this is a time more so now than before to engage citizens. The only way that is going to happen is to qualify for grants by setting up a 501C3 off shoot. Parks n Rec has "Friends of Parks" to generate revenue for the department. This is being brought up now to see if CF wants to direct the office to do the research and communications necessary to bring a proposal forward. Mr. Christiansen indicated moving forward with this would be preferable; nods of heads indicating yes.

Committee Reports

Large Neighborhood Project Grant Recommendations

Mr. Christiansen referenced the committee members and the process. A listing of the applicants, their requests, and projects recommended for funding and those not, are attached to these minutes. Questions and discussions about the projects ensued and specifics for choosing why not to fund.

Volunteer of the Year Award Recommendations

Five nominations were received this year, which is higher than any other previous year. Each was ranked on seven factors. Carma Gilligan was ranked the highest with extensive community and neighborhood volunteerism.

Ongoing Business

Neighborhood Council Updates

- **Lewis & Clark**—nothing new to report.
- **Southgate Triangle**—our leadership team members are open to the public and would like to get the word and interest out for better attendance.
- **Moose Can Gully**—nothing new to report presentation.
- **Farviews/Pattee Canyon**—Phase II of the neighborhood parks project grant has been completed. It will be presented to the NC for adoption. It is posted on the website and worth taking a look at. Learned about easements available or not for connecting parks.
- **University**—nothing new to report.
- **Franklin to Fort**—the NC had Christmas yesterday. Resolution for the Johnson/14th Street sidewalk project was brought before the public works committee yesterday and was well supported and will be placed on the consent agenda for council. Doug Harby did an excellent job presenting the project specifics. The long range transportation plan has been adopted. On the federal level, the economic stimulus package may include funding at a local level of 28 projects. A million dollars of sidewalks may be awarded as a result.

Presentations

The McKinney Volunteer Tutoring Program Kimberly Apryle & Amy Zanoni

This program is based out of WORD and recruits volunteers to tutor homeless and at-risk children in the public school system grades K-8. Families with children are the largest homeless sector. On any given day, 551 people in Missoula are homeless; 54% of those are families with children. There is a legal definition to determine who qualifies. At-risk can include families that are living in poverty, are late on monthly rent,

have irregular income, or have been homeless within a year. More details were presented of the effects on education, barriers to education presented, and the benefits of tutoring.

The volunteer position was described in detail and a run-through of a typical volunteer session was presented. There is one hour orientation training for volunteers. The tutoring session is teacher directed, they determine the best time for the student to be out of class for one-on-one tutoring usually in math or reading skills and they provide necessary materials. There are about 40 children in need of tutoring currently. Question and answer period followed.

Traffic Calming Program—Phil Smith, Bike/Ped Program Manager

There are many types of devices and techniques available through this program. The application was mailed out to all NC's. The application has to be initiated by a neighborhood and is fairly complex to fill out. Phil provided an over-view and history of the program and indicated where there are devices in place around town. The preliminary deadline for the application is February 20. There needs to be support from 50% of the neighbors (sign a statement and be willing to pay for the device) before a study is conducted to determine the nature of the problem and the best solution. This program is aimed at residential streets; however, a project on Phillips Street is currently in the design phase. This will be the first collector street to have devices installed. Pattee Canyon Drive residents want some type of calming on that street as well. This is a resident /neighbor driven program, the process does take consistent backing and effort and time to fully implement. If anyone needs assistance, information, or an application Phil Smith can be contacted at 552-6352.

LaNette Diaz announced a special meeting may be called prior to the next CF meeting in January to vote on the project grants and volunteer of the year as they both need to go to City Council for approval.

Moderator for the next meeting will be **Ms. Snodgrass**.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ross

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