

Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood Council Meeting
Notes from 9/28/2010
7-9 pm at Friends Meeting House

Attendees: Jon Salmonson, Mike Greathouse, Judy Hewitt, Janet Fiero, Tara Mickey, Marilyn Marler, Tom Facey, Ed Childers, Erin Scott, Peggy Miller, Jack Reinhard (sp?), Amie Thurber, Justin Kinney, Mark McMillan, Carolyn Squires, and Lewis Yellow Robe.

What do I like about Franklin-to-Fort Neighborhood?

- Mixture of people
- Been here 30 years
- born in this neighborhood
- New in the neighborhood love this place
- Franklin Park and the ditch
- like diversity of people
- the all American feel of the neighborhood, central to everything
- diversity of people, diversity of houses
- diversity, newly acquired sidewalks because of this council, good grid system for transportation. People are great
- love the people “My little Miami”
- walk up to homes as a candidate and the homes remind me of my grandfather’s house
- Franklin school is great, one of the 2 Blue Ribbon Schools in Montana
- people so friendly

Reviewed Agenda

Presented a summary of the voting that was done on top issues—Conducted at July social

Last meeting in June, had a July Social, no meeting in August, Janet gave a brief summary of June minutes. Minutes were Accepted

Treasurer Report

Mailing budget is \$2374. \$531 left over from last year and returned. We have balance of \$800 for this fiscal year (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011)

Comment Period

Tom Facey: Mail out Ballots go out next week

| *Carolyn Squires:* House District 96 candidate

Lewis Yellow Robe, OPG

- Just did Target Range Neighborhood created a neighborhood plan
- Rose Neighborhood
- Starting on Orchard Homes Neighborhood. Asking for names of residents to help with planning

- OPG is a consolidated county-city department
- Orchard Homes is not currently a part of Neighborhood Liaison territory

Guests/Reports

Amie Thurber

- Started National Coalition Building Institute 12 years ago
- Prejudice reduction and building coalitions of people and organizations
- Respect Clubs in schools (addressing bullying)
- Training for organizations to learn how to respect differences (Police departments, law offices, schools, etc.)
- Want to do more neighborhood strengthening
- Better connection/support among neighborhood enables crime prevention, reduced domestic violence, etc.
- Block Captains is a natural subdividing for getting to know the

Aldersperson's report

Marilyn Marler

- 3rd St. money is available but the EIS of 3rd St. got wrapped up with Russell EIS. Some money is available for Russell. There is funding for the bridge set aside. Not sure if it is enough given increased construction costs. EIS is likely to be approved by the feds and something is going to happen by end of the year. Construction may start in 2 years.
- Forest Service Maintenance Facility may be ready to sell within 4 years. Childers and Marler are advocating for a park for F2F neighborhood.
- Sidewalks that have been done are because of the efforts of this neighborhood council—particularly Jon Salmonson. \$60K going to sidewalks and \$40K for urban forest. Looking to improve relations of Urban Forestry with neighbors to preserve trees in yards, etc.

Ed Childers

- Wind Energy Conserving System (Wind Turbines): should they be no taller than existing zoning regulations. Sound is 55 decibels.
- Bicycle Lanes 3rd St. to Broadway and 3rd to Mount need to be a priority
- Special Districts: Passed Special District which gives us \$60K for cement work and \$40K for urban forest. Many many ideas on how to spend the \$60K.
- Group Comment: We need a different sidewalk funding mechanisms such as a small portion of car registration tax to cover sidewalks.

Rule of Thumb a few years back: \$50 per foot for sidewalk and curbs

Fiero made Motion: Neighborhood Council give \$25 per meeting to the Friends House as a room use fee.

Seconded by Mickey

PASSED

Community Forum Report Erin Scott

Leadership Team working on several recommendations. Increase small project funds from \$250 to \$500. CF Leadership Team will review and approve these grants. Unspent funds being able to carry over from year to year up to \$5000. Allow operating funds to be used for capital expenses, like a tree. Work with the Neighborhood Liaison to acknowledge that the funds came from your neighborhood Council.

ADD WORDING from Erin

Jason Aylward was removed from the leadership team in accordance with by-laws. He has been absent for several months.

Nominated Mark McMillan to be a member of the leadership Team PASSED

Judy volunteered to be treasurer.

We agreed to have a planning meeting on October 12 from 7-9 PM.

Adjourned at 9:08 PM.