

**Mayor's Downtown Advisory Commission
Minutes – December 7, 2010**

Commission Members in Attendance: Margaret Borg (Attorney), Barbara Berens (County Auditor), Ginny Merriam (City of Missoula), Susan Hay Patrick (United Way), Laurie Johnson (Downtown BID), Melinda Mason (WMMHC), Kim Murray (MDA), David Pierce (Salvation Army), Nick Roberts (Food Bank), Rob Scheben (Police Department), Dave Strohmaier (City Council), Leanne Vreeland (Ht. Patrick Hospital), Julie Waver (MDA), Keenan Whitt (homeWORD)

Commission Members Absent: Rod Austin (Downtown BID), Brenda Desmond (District Court), Leslie Halligan (County Attorney), Ellie Hill (Poverello Center), Julie Hilley (Owner MKLaren), Peggy Seel (OPG), Julie Weaver (Missoula Downtown Association), Jason Wiener (City Council), Keithi Worthington (City Attorney)

Others in Attendance: Jean Curtiss (County Commissioner), Michele Landquist (County Commissioner)

Review of Minutes: Susan Hay Patrick made the motion to approve the October minutes; Ginny Merriam seconded the motion.

Update from Crime and Prevention Committee – Rob Scheben

Progress review, including update on grant funding for misdemeanor probation program

The domestic violence grant is being applied for through the Montana Board of Crime Control. It is an 18 member board appointed by the governor. Seventy percent of the funds would have to be applied to downtown issues. The match money could go to help fund a position. Once the misdemeanor probation program is going and has accountability, the money can be used for anything. The program would work on quality of life issues with repeat offenders. The program is actually a community service program, not a misdemeanor supervision program, but in order to apply for the grant, it has to be called misdemeanor probation.

This program would comply with the requests of Judge Loudon. The Missoula Correctional Services would not be involved, they would not have to pay for participation and the matching funds could be used for this program.

There would be a Resource Coordinator to coordinate the program. This would probably be someone in the Attorney's Office.

Concerns about this not being what was discussed in the subcommittee's meeting with Judge Loudon were raised. The Social Services subcommittee discussed what was best for the cause. The program had to be reshaped due to the parameters of the grant. It was discussed that once the program was running, it could be open to change to meet what was needed. Other deterrents are going to be needed. More punishment is needed for ordinance violations. This is not a traditional program. It is too early to be really specific.

Respectfully submitted,

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