



MISSOULA NEIGHBORHOODS
Community Forum Report
City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine
June 24, 2011 at 7:00 pm
Moderator, Greg Gullickson

Captain John Mullan – Kathy Snodgrass
Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Absent
Franklin to the Fort – Mark McMillian
Grant Creek – Absent
Heart of Missoula – Absent
Lewis & Clark – Greg Gullickson
Lower Rattlesnake – Absent
Miller Creek – Vacant
Moose Can Gully – Lyle Geurtz
Northside – Absent

Riverfront – Absent
Rose Park – Absent
South 39th – Cathy Deschamps
Southgate Triangle – Christine Ross
University District – Absent
Upper Rattlesnake – Mick Owens
Westside – Absent

City Council Liaison – Jon Wilkins
Neighborhood Liaison – Jane Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marty Rehbein, Michael Tree, Lewis Yellowrobe, Melissa Gordon, Brandi Harrington

QUORUM:

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF CF MINUTES:

Mr. Owens moved to approve the March 24, 2011 minutes.

Ms. Ross seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Snodgrass moved to approve the May 26, 2011 minutes.

Ms. Deschamps seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Tree, Mountain Line General Manager stated he is available to attend the neighborhood council meetings to inform the neighborhoods of current and future changes that are taking place with the public transport system. There will be a bus route analysis conducted to help with the improvements. If there are questions, concerns or comments, please contact him at Mountain Line at 721-3333.

OPG NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILES – LAVAL MEANS & LEWIS YELLOWROBE

Mr. Yellowrobe, Office of Planning & Grants distributed and discussed the new neighborhood profile sheets that provide resource information and maps for each neighborhood. The maps include zoning, land use and development, motorized transportation and public parks and trail information.

He stated the profiles will be posted on the Office of Neighborhoods website, and he asked the Forum to discuss the profiles at the neighborhood meetings, and if there are corrections or comments to contact him at 258-4651.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG) – MELISSA GORDON

Ms. Gordon, Office of Planning & Grants distributed a packet for viewing and noted there are two types of CDBG programs. The small city program requires cities with populations 50,000 or less.

The CDBG entitlement program requires the city to have a population of 50,000 or more. The money transfers from HUD to the State and the cities compete for the awards. She discussed the low to moderate income guidelines to qualify for the program. Ms. Gordon discussed the programs wide variety of housing and neighborhood improvement needs and requirements.

The Forum discussed the CDBG program.

EARLY NEIGHBORHOOD NOTIFICATION – JEFF STEVENS

Mr. Stevens stated there is a rezone proposal located at 1500 39th St. which is adjacent to the South 39th neighborhood area. He attended the City Council meeting and saw the proposed rezone proposal on the agenda. He discussed the rezone plan and details. The rezone location is in the Southgate Triangle Neighborhood Council, and also borders on Lewis & Clark, South 39th and the Farview/Pattee Canyon Neighborhood Councils. The Southgate Triangle was the only council that was notified, but there was not enough time to respond.

Mr. Stevens feels all the neighborhood councils surrounding the site should have been notified with enough time to respond. A few protests have been submitted, but there are signature discrepancies as some were not signed by the property owners. He attended a PAZ committee meeting to express his concerns, and the committee agreed to extend the rezoning process, and notify all the neighborhood councils and property owners to allow enough time for proper protests.

Ms. Ross said she spoke with Jim Betty and he is the sole owner of the property that is requesting the rezone. She said Mr. Betty does not want to build a development that the neighborhood does not support and he will attend the neighborhood meetings to hear comments. There is a Southgate Triangle neighborhood meeting on July 13th and Mr. Betty and OPG will attend to discuss the rezone request.

Ms. Rehbein said she previously discussed options with OPG regarding proper notification. She quoted the state law requirements for the protest process.

She mentioned neighborhood councils are notified at the same time Public Works, Park & Recreation and other various agencies are notified. After the comment deadline, OPG collects, summarizes and includes them in their staff report. If citizens miss the deadline, the other opportunity to comment, is to attend the Planning Board meeting or the City Council meeting.

Ms. Snodgrass discussed signage for areas that are requesting rezoning and suggested placing larger signs for people to see as they are driving by.

The Forum discussed outer property parameter from the project site to include property owners who may be affected in the notification process and a time line for response.

Ms. Ross discussed the current building status at the rezone site and mentioned Mr. Betty's plan includes a three story complex, but he is willing to consider other options.

Mr. Gullickson asked Ms. Rehbein if the Forum should suggest recommendations to OPG regarding proper notifications.

Ms. Rehbein stated the Forum is hearing this for the first time and suggests discussing the issues at the Leadership Team meetings, and vote on the subject at a future Community Forum meeting. A few concerns at this meeting include:

- Location of the neighborhood project
- Adjacent neighborhoods to the project
- Notification to all councils within 300 feet of the outer perimeter of the project

The Forum agreed to discuss this issue at the August Community Forum meeting.

ELECTION FOR THE COMMUNITY FORUM LEADERSHIP TEAM NOMINEES:

Ms. Snodgrass moved to elect Mark McMillian, Lyle Guertz, and Nancy McCourt to the Community Forum Leadership Team.

Ms. Ross seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

SELECTION OF MODERATORS FOR JULY AND AUGUST MEETINGS.

Mr. Stevens agreed to moderate the July meeting.

Ms. Snodgrass agreed to moderate the August meeting.

SMALL PROJECT GRANT REQUESTS:

- Skyla Court Homeowners' Landscaping – Request \$500

The River Road Leadership Team will discuss this issue at their next meeting, and Community Forum will consider it at their next meeting.

- Neighbor Days - \$500

Ms. Rehbein stated the total cost for the Neighbor Day project was \$1,071.63. Community Forum approved a \$500 project grant for the Neighbor Day event, but it was not included on the December agenda. She is asking the Forum to approve a small grant for \$272 to cover the balance for the Neighbor Day expenses.

She noted Safeway and Rosauers donated cup cakes; Gateway Printing donated \$600 half the cost of the brochures which was \$1200. Dax Kuehn donated his time and efforts to design the brochure. There were expenses for balloons and helium and Norco donated half of the cost for helium tank. Ms. Rehbein thanked everyone who helped with the expenses to make Neighbor Days a successful event.

Ms. Snodgrass moved to approve the Neighbor Days small grant request for \$272 and postpone the Skyla Court Homeowners' Landscaping request for \$500 to a later date.

Cathy Deschamps seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. Neighbor Days Recap – Brandi Harrington

Ms. Harrington said the Sunday Streets event was successful and the balloons and stickers attracted a lot of people. People were eager to learn about neighborhood involvement, and many of them signed up for the website "Notify me section" and receive the neighborhood news letter.

She stated there are a lot of stickers left over for the neighborhoods to distribute at their events. There are extra cookies and are in a freezer; if anyone would like cookies to serve at their meetings, they can call the office and Ms. Rehbein will bring them to the office. Ms. Harrington noted a similar event will be planned in September.

Ms. Rehbein thanked Ms. Kelly and Ms. Harrington for their hard work on this project to make it successful. She discussed the "Notify me" on the City website and its purpose. She asked the Forum to submit all new email addresses to the Office of Neighborhoods so they can be added to the "Notify Me" for people to receive information on current events.

2. Purchase Already Approved – Marty Rehbein

Ms. Rehbein stated she purchased a shade canopy with sides, four chairs and card stock for post cards for tabling events. Mr. Wilkins loaned his shade canopy at the Sunday Streets event and offered it to neighborhood events if the neighborhood canopy is not available.

Ms. Kelly said Community Forum approved a small grant for the Western Montana Volunteer Center and invitations have been distributed for the "Downtown Tonight" event scheduled for Thursday, July 14th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. There will be a drawing for a downtown gift card and a double scoop of Baskin Robbins ice cream is offered to all volunteers who attend.

During this event, Norman Moeller will be honored with three different awards for his volunteerism. The first award is a "Ready Montana" award and it will be presented from an individual from the Governor's office. The second award is a "2011 Met Life Foundation Old Volunteers and Rich America" award and the third award is a "Service Impact" award from the Corporation of National Community Service. Mayor Engen will present a City/County proclamation honoring "Norman Moeller Day". She is creating a display for the event, and the Missoula neighborhoods will be recognized on the display for awarding the grant to help fund the event.

NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON REPORT

Marty Rehbein – No report

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REPORTS:

River Road – Jesse Neidigh stated the Missoula Urban Redevelopment will be relocating their business next to the Home Resource building. There are changes to the Milwaukee Trail that

affects the crossings at Curtis and Davis Street, and the Grand Opening for the project has been delayed to the later part of July.

Captain John Mullan – Kathy Snodgrass reported a marathon is scheduled on July 10th and they plan to set up an aid station to support the runners.

Southgate Triangle – Christine Ross reported they have been meeting monthly and are discussing the rezone issue. They are planning an outdoor social with hot dogs and chili at McCloud Park on September 14th. The next neighborhood meeting is scheduled for July 13th at the Southgate Mall meeting room at 7:00 pm.

Moose Can Gully – Lyle Geurtz reported their June 11th hike and picnic was fun and successful. They are currently discussing a candidate form for the City Council election this fall.

Lewis & Clark – Greg Gullickson reported the Leadership Team met on June 8th and discussed future agenda items and the Lewis & Clark playground project.

South 39th – Cathy Deschamps reported the art displays on three traffic signal boxes are finished and they are amazing. She is currently working on a solution for the water drainage that runs down 23rd Ave.

Franklin to the Fort – Mark McMillian reported they are working on logistics and shopping for their summer social scheduled for July 26th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. They are upgrading their sandwich boards.

Upper Rattlesnake – Mick Owens reported they continue to work on their by-law revisions. They are working with the City Engineers on the 16 projects that are included in the Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit study and learning the cities process to help with progress.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Jon Wilkins Absent

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam

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