

**Community Forum Meeting
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2009
7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers
Moderator, Ray Aten**

Captain John Mullan – Kathie Snodgrass (Rep)
Emma Dickinson –absent
FarViews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten
Franklin to the Fort – Jon Salmonson (Alt)
Grant Creek – absent
Heart of Missoula – Absent *Bill Flannery arrived late
Lewis & Clark – Absent
Lower Rattlesnake – Absent
Miller Creek – Absent
Moose Can Gully – Lyle Guerts (Rep)
Northside –Absent
Riverfront – Absent
Rose Park – Absent
South 39th – Cathy Deschamps (Alt)
Southgate Triangle – Hans Christiansen (Rep)
University District – John Snively (Rep)
Upper Rattlesnake – Bridget Kilroy (Rep)
Westside – absent
City Council Liaison – John Wilkins
Neighborhood Liaison – LaNette Diaz

Others Present

Quorum

Quorum is not present.

*Heart of Missoula Rep. Bill Flannery showed up at 8:27 therefore a quorum now present.

Adoption of Agenda

Approval of CF Minutes

Approve meeting minutes of March 26, 2009. Ms. Snodgrass motioned to approve minutes of March 26, 2009, Ms. Deschamps seconded. All in favor.

Consent Agenda

Nothing on consent agenda.

Public Comment (non-agenda items from audience)

There will be a pancake breakfast at the old Loyola school area Catholic Church on Saturday sponsored by the Kawanis Club.

Neighborhood Liasion Report–LaNetteDiaz

1. Neighborhood Council Annual Budget Reallocation Update
\$1000 is reserved for the upcoming Bus Tour
2. Small Grants Available

Administration requested that neighborhood funds be cut more than the \$1000 in order to have training and staff development funded so that would mean \$2000 total to be cut from the neighborhood project funds. Final outcome will be discussed in May.

3. Neighborhood Training Report
The training descriptions and evaluations report was submitted to CF.
4. Neighborhood in Need Update
Home Resource is continuing to look for grant funding to build that program.

Committee Reports

Bus Tour-Hans Christiansen

The Northern neighborhoods will be featured on the summer tour. Would like to have a full bus, get neighbors on the bus. PSA's will be circulated and announcements mailed to the interested parties list the neighborhood office has. If anyone knows of someone interested in going, let the neighborhood office know. Any ideas of a theme are welcomed tonight. Under the spirit of cooperation, two ideas surfaced: have neighborhoods share what resources exist in neighborhoods to help in this economy or what do neighborhoods have for children to do. Urban Forestry was included as a city-related issue for the tour as well. Ms. Diaz suggested 'uniquely your neighborhood' as a way to present your neighborhood to others. Mr. Aten commented that the Missoula realtors recently produce a dvd. Ms. Diaz added that the Missoula Organization of Realtors produced a dvd with interviews of people they encountered in neighborhoods to provide a snip-it of their view of their neighborhood. It was asked if the dvd could be viewed by the committee.

New Business

*Amend the Budget Reallocation Procedure to match Community Forum Bylaws stating that Community Forum Leadership Team will approve all expenditures of Community Forum funds by at least two members of the Leadership Team instead of the Neighborhood Liaison will approve all requests. Vote on in May.

Ongoing Business

Infrastructure Funding: New Ideas (LaNette Diaz, Neighborhood Liaison)

The survey results thus far were provided and discussed.

Comments: The survey monkey tool can allow for each neighborhoods responses to be sorted out, council reps can see how there wards feel. If this presentation was continued through the fall, more surveys could be collected and gather a larger perspective of what people want. It is up to Community Forum and City Council to decide if this should keep in the forefront to get more of the neighborhood councils to present the survey at their meetings. Information can be added and stored in the survey tool.

The information can be uploaded and saved in a pdf for review.

Discussion:

Mr. Wilkins indicated his support for continuing the survey to the public.

Neighborhood Council Updates

- **Cpt. John Mullan**—working on a neighborhood picnic to focus on Pleasant View Park and will host in conjunction with a homeowners association yard sale the same day. The NC will be looking for two new leadership team members, are sponsoring an aid table for the marathon again.
- **Southgate Triangle**—had the infrastructure presentation and the zoning rewrite at the general meeting earlier this month. Franklin to the Fort and Southgate Triangle are discussing boundary changes. Sent out a survey for input on what neighbors want and will be discussing next month at LT.
- **Moose Can Gully**—Neighborhood hike on May 3 at 2pm meet at Chief Charlo School.
- **University**—the general meeting last week covered changes in the area with Madison St. on-ramp, Higgins round-a-bout. Had a presentation by NC member on how the zoning re-write will affect the University area. OPG representatives were present to field comments.

- **South 39th St.**—planning a May meeting. Lots of interest in having a presentation on non-toxic pest and dandelion control. Referred to call the county extension office by Ms. Diaz.
- **Upper Rattlesnake**—will be having a general meeting on the 30th.
- **Franklin to Fort**—will be having the maintenance district presentation and survey at general meeting next week. We have a number of new leadership team members taking positions. Sidewalk project started on 14th street and will take about 2 months to complete. We distributed some of the materials from the presentations last month—the human resource council program and looking forward to connect to the neighbor in need program. Planning a get together function after school gets out.
- **FarViews/Pattee Canyon**—there were 30 people in attendance at the last meeting, presented the master parks plan for the NC with a "Your park for sale" sign. The plan was endorsed but not adopted and several people signed to support the continuation of the plan. The infrastructure survey was handed out, elections were held, lots of zoning discussion from public comment.
- **City Council update**—getting in to the budget process and city departments are being asked to cut budgets by 3.7%, hope that Missoula can continue to hold its own. The zoning rewrite process is currently before Planning Board which typically meets twice a week, these sessions are aired on MCAT and it is important to be informed as every household has potential to be impacted. The neighborhood leaders should know what is going on in this process. The Planning Board is asking for public comment every time they meet and are listening to people's concerns and opinions.

Other discussion: need to decide on a bus tour date. Ms. Snodgrass motioned to have tour on June 20th, Mr. Christiansen seconded. All in favor to have the northern tier bus tour on June 20th.

Final Business

***Monthly report to City Council—request to report on non-agenda items**

(the monthly report to City Council will be made by the moderator of the meeting. The report made will address all items on the Community Forum agenda for the month. A request for reporting on non-agenda items will occur at Community Forum to ensure pertinent non-agenda are reported as well).

Mr. Aten will report on the bus tour uniquely your neighborhood theme on June 20th, number of April meetings held with interest in zoning, survey to fund maintenance districts, and to thank LaNette for the hard work she has done and look forward to the presentation from her in May on the updated website. Mt. Aten will include the training report to indicate what that budget money supports. Mr. Christiansen motioned to have Mr. Aten report on the previously stated items to City Council, Ms. Kilroy seconded. All in favor.

Moderator for the next meeting will be **Mr. Christiansen**.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 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