

**Minutes Grant Creek Neighborhood Council Leadership Team
7:00 p.m. November 3, 1380 Starwood (Brian Walter's home)**

Attending:

Brian Walter	Chairman
John Paoli	Community Forum Representative
Bert Lindler	Open Space Committee
Ron Larson	GC Hills neighborhood representative
Wendel Beardsly	Colorado Gulch neighborhood representative
Dennis Muth	Prospect neighborhood representative
Jane Kelly	Neighborhood Council Liaison

An analysis of neighborhood council bylaws determined that a quorum is not required for voting on issues to be presented this evening.

Dennis reported on a meeting attended with the Mountain Line bus folks regarding a reworking of the bus system throughout Missoula. Dennis said that Tim Whitman with Nelson Nygard a consultant hired by Mountain Line to evaluate needs and direction for the bus system was present and informed on the issues relating to Mountain line. Currently the closest location to get bus service is at Karl Tyler Chevrolet. A discussion was made concerning the local tax which would be levied for each household if we are to get bus service. Grant Creek is currently in the transportation district but since there is no service to the area we are not taxed. It was requested that someone find out what that tax would be per household. We were looking to Jane Kelly to find this out for us.

A request was made to get bus service to Grant Creek, which may possibly be a park and ride location. Mountain line is to unveil new plans at a January 2012 meeting which is yet to be scheduled. This evaluation will be for a 40 year plan.

Dennis will continue as our neighborhood representative at these meetings.

Bert Lindler gave a synopsis on the GC trail system status. He had a hand out given to him by Jackie Courday of Parks and Recs concerning the additional cost study done on the section of trail coursing along the bird sanctuary. There were Three scenarios in the submittal-the original intent of the trail to be off of the roadway and in a granted easement through the sanctuary and Wildlife Federation conservation holdings. The second scenario all within right-of-way holdings and requiring no easements, has the trail adjacent to the roadway with rolldown curb at the interface also indicating some retainage walls required to hold back the hillside on the east as the roadway would need to be enlarged and moved east to accommodate the trail. This scenario would add a total cost of \$190,000.00 dollars to the original estimate or this method (as estimated by Territorial Engineers).It should be noted that within this scheme the trail would still need to cross a corner of the sanctuary land and require a bridge across the creek. The third scenario is one which would implement scenario number 2 and also take the trail along Grant Creek road all the way down to the Prospect intersection and using the prospect bridge to cross the creek and then marry up with the trail to the RMEF access point. It should be noted that this scenario would require moving the additional trail/ roadway would need to be moved east since the creek parallels the roadway and is immediately adjacent through this section. This scenario as represented adds an additional \$298,000.00 dollars on top of the original plan as estimated by Territorial Engineers.

The cost of this study itself is an additional \$12,000.00 dollars of added cost to the proposed trail.

The City of Missoula is still in negotiations with the Bird sanctuary/ Wildlife Federation representatives to try and generate a solution so that the trail may proceed as scheduled in the spring of 2012.

The Trail committee is in a major fund-raising mode in an effort to raise approximately \$120,000.00 as the private match to the federal grant monies available.

A discussion was made regarding the Neighborhood by-laws and a desire to amend a couple of items as follows:

Concerning the duties of officers it was requested we strike the frequency of meetings required from 4 times per year to an as needed basis. The thought was that if there is nothing to discuss why force a meeting.

Concerning the term limits of leadership team members. Term will remain a 2 year period but there will be no term limits. A team member may serve on as many consecutive terms as elected to the position of. Lastly we will add a non-discrimination clause to the by-laws. Jane Kelly will provide information on this. Bert Lindler will compose revisions and get them to Jane for presentation to attorney. J.Paoli made a motion for this seconded by R. Larson and passed unanimously.

Bert Lindler was nominated for Chairperson and Ron Larson for Secretary both elected by unanimous voice vote.

Jane Kelly brought firewise brochures and a discussion was made. It was determined that it is better to bring up this information at a spring meeting when it is more on peoples minds.

Discussion of the speed limit on Grant Creek roadway. Bert will discuss option of having a separate night time speed of 35mph with Steve King in Public Works.

Congestion of intersection at GC Road and I-90 was discussed. Again this is an item which needs to be brought up with Steve King and the MDOT for action.

Bridge to Prospect was discussed. This past spring the high water undermined some of the pier on the east side and forced a closure. It was thought that no remedial work was done to shore up the bridge after re-opening it. This is an action item which needs to be addressed with Steve King.

This is the authors recollection of events at the meeting if there are any additions or revisions to these meetings please inform J. Paoli for inclusion.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm

Submitted by:
John Paoli