

Heart of Missoula Neighborhood Council

5/6/2009 GENERAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting was held at MCT Performing Arts Center in Room 302 from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Contact Christine Ross at Office of Neighborhoods for complete attendance list. Lynn Redding chaired the meeting and prepared these notes.

Neighborhood Council Business:

1. Prior to elections, role of Neighborhood Council, Leadership Team and Community Forum, along with need for participation from neighbors was discussed. Several neighbors are interested in learning more before making decision about getting involved.
2. During summary of last meeting, issue of Neighborhood Council being primarily a voice for residents raised lively discussion. This included methods for getting more neighbors involved, trying to welcome others besides residents and see whether they can be included in Neighborhood Council, whether they have voting rights or not.
3. Bill Flanery and Kim Brown Campbell nominated themselves from the floor for Community Forum Representative and Alternate, respectively. Both were elected without opposition.
4. Christine Ross, from Office of Neighborhoods, stated that Leadership Team can appoint additional members as neighbors express willingness to be involved.
5. For continuity and support, Lynn Redding agreed to stay on as member of Leadership Team, until there are more members.
6. Kim Brown Campbell raised possibility of combining Heart of Missoula NC with Historic East Pine Neighborhood Association, of which she is President.

Public Comment: Ken Duce announced that he plans to move out of neighborhood, so his position for Eastside Historic District representative on Historic Preservation Commission may be open again. Council members, Renee Mitchell and Lynn Hellegaard, were present and spoke about petition being circulated that seeks to get more public involvement prior to accepting zoning rewrite. This could delay adopting it.

Presentation: Zoning and Subdivision Code Rewrite Update---- Tom Zavitz, OPG
Presentation summarized changes to draft. Many have been generated by public comment. R-III and R-IV height limit has been dropped from 35' to 30'. There is some concern that this is less than what is currently allowed and it may be difficult to achieve goals for affordable housing and density for future sustainability. There was interest in creating developer incentives, such as 'green roof'. Several items such as Lot line house and Wind systems may not be allowed. At present, ADU are considered as potential zoning overlay. Discussion included neighbors asking about specific concerns. Several expressed that this is greatest clarity that they have had around zoning issues.