

**Joint University District Neighborhood Council and
Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council
Meeting**

Sentinel High School Gym, 901 South Avenue West

7:00 pm, Wednesday, November 14, 2012

Doors opened at 6:30 pm

Welcome—the meeting was opened by University District Neighborhood Council Representative Dave Chrismon and Lewis and Clark NC Representative Emily Thomsen. The meeting was moderated by Kristina Swanson from NCBI.

Neighborhood Forum: [Development Plans for UM's South Campus, see questions below](#)

Break

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Adjournment—the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Questions:

- (1) The history of efforts to meet the needs of the students of the College of Technology – now named Missoula College - included a 2002 study which looked at 7 sites and selected the Fort Missoula site. The study eliminated the South Campus site because of community opposition. **What has changed?** There was also a Congressional allocation of \$750,000 per year for five years to plan a College of Technology “Futures Park” at the Fort. **How was that money used? Why is the current plan so different from that previous plan?**
- (2) There are concerns about increased traffic because of the planned development. **What studies have been done to estimate how much new traffic will be added to neighborhood roads by these plans? What do they show will happen on neighborhood roads and how will the University mitigate this extra traffic?**
- (3) Parking is a problem in the University neighborhoods. **Please tell us how many parking spaces will be built on South Campus. What is that in total sq. ft. of asphalt or concrete planned? How many spaces on neighborhood streets do the plans depend on to meet parking needs? Will the University enforce parking regulations on neighborhood streets i.e. (South Ave.) or will the city be tasked with that duty?**

- (4) Missoula College will increase demand for housing in the neighborhoods. **What studies have been completed to estimate how many more students will need housing in the immediate area? Does the University have a position or do they plan to take a position on the proposed ADU re-zone as an answer to the potential housing problem that may arise from the South Campus?**
- (5) Many Missoula residents appreciate the open space that the current model provides. **What percentage of the South Campus will be dedicated to open space? Will the University commit in writing that the open space in the design won't be developed in the future?**
- (6) Most property owners in the neighborhoods near the University of Montana take a lot of pride in their homes. Because of this, in the past 25 years, the neighborhood has revived and property values have increased. This is good for the residents and also good for the marketing and image of the University. **How will the University work with the neighborhoods to maintain property values and market appeal while developing South Campus?**
- (7) The general feeling of the community surrounding the University seems to be in favor of Missoula College and its need. However, most property owners and established residents believe that giving up the open space is not necessary when there are several other viable alternatives. **Do you or will you give any weight to these opinions?**
- (8) We have been told that there have been numerous planning meetings during the past 18 months. The general consensus of the residents has been that if this is the case the meetings were posted in a very quiet manner for such an important issue. **Please comment on the transparency of the process during the past 18 months?**