

FARVIEWS-PATTEE CANYON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 29, 2013, 7-9pm

Whitaker Park, Whitaker Drive

Ray Aten, Moderator

The meeting was preceded by an ice cream social for all who wished to partake.

Ray Aten welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. Twenty two individuals were present at 7:15 and by 7:30, twenty seven neighbors were present. Ray introduced Mary Barnett (FV-PC Leadership team), Jane Kelly (Neighborhood Coordinator, Office of Neighborhoods), Jon Wilkins (City Council, Ward 4), Jason Diehl (Missoula Fire Department), and John O'Connor (to speak for Whitaker Park improvements). No one was present to speak for Community Gardens.

The purpose, authority, duties, etc of Neighborhood Councils and Community Forum as defined in the City of Missoula Charter and Municipal Code was reviewed.

Public Comment: There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Pineridge Drive Closure: Jon Wilkins introduced the subject by summarizing his conversations with Robert Mullendore and his fellow Takima Dr neighbors and by submitting a copy of Robert Mullendore's letter of 28 August 2013 to Jon Wilkins. Following Jon's comments a discussion ensued that included many neighbors, Jon Wilkins, and Jason Diehl of the Missoula Fire Department. Nancy Gibson (Highland Park Dr) noted that the Montana Supreme Court dismissed many previous claims by Takima Drive residents and said she would submit a copy of the Court's 1992 decision to Jane Kelly and Jon Wilkins. Upon completion of the discussion Ron Hang moved that "The Farviews-Pattee Canyon Neighborhood Council, after due deliberation, resolve to oppose any attempt to close Pineridge Drive." The motion was seconded, a vote was called, and the motion passed 26 for, 0 against, and no abstentions.

Whitaker Park Improvement Update: John O'Connor introduced the subject by reviewing steps that have been taken to improve the facilities of Whitaker Park since the adoption of the Farviews-Pattee Canyon Parks Study. He noted that the playground equipment in the park does not meet safety code and that Missoula Parks and Recreation may need to remove the equipment. He noted his intention, along with several other neighbors, to apply for a Neighborhood Project Grant for improvements for Whitaker Park. He also noted that Friends of Missoula Parks may be interested in helping. It was moved and seconded that "The Farviews-Pattee Canyon Neighborhood Council constitute a Whitaker Park Task Force, lead by John O'Connor, to head the movement to improve the facilities of Whitaker Park." The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Deer Issues: Jon Wilkins spoke about what other communities have done about their large population of deer. Jon indicated he will ask the City Council to develop and implement a plan.

Elections: Ray Aten, Mary Barnett, and John O'Connor were nominated to the Farviews-Pattee Canyon leadership team with Ray Aten as the Community Forum

representative and Jon O'Connor as the alternate. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Neighborhood Project Funds and **Meet Your Word Reps:** It was agreed by all that no further discussion of the subjects was needed.

Announcements: Ray Aten noted (1) there will be a Candidates Forum for Wards 4,5, and 6 on October 8, 2013 at 7pm in at the Meadow Hill School, (2) information of the Neighborhood Watch program is available from Rob Scheben at the Missoula Police Department, (3) the University of Montana Neighborhood Ambassador program has two at-large ambassadors available to talk with student renters, and (4) the impressively upgraded City of Missoula website has a "Notify Me" options that allows residents to sign-up for many different types of e-mail notifications ranging for City Council agendas and decisions to Neighborhood Connections Newsletters.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Submitted by Ray Aten