

Grant Creek Neighborhood Council Leadership Team
5:30 to 6:45 p.m. September 29, 2014
Montana Club on North Reserve

Leadership Team Members Attending: Bert Lindler, Brian Walter, Kim Birck, Dennis Muth, Ron Larsen

Public Attending: Wendell Beardsley, Lee Clemmensen

Office of Neighborhoods Staff Attending: Jane Kelly

- Kim Birck discussed the Grant Creek Trail Association's large Neighborhood Project grant application for \$3,000 for three historic signs along the Grant Creek Trail. The association has already received \$500 for the project thanks to Kim's grant writing expertise. Dennis Muth moved that the Grant Creek Neighborhood Council support the application. Ron Larsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a voice vote.
- Bert Lindler reported that two traffic signal boxes had been beautified on Reserve Street (one by the Caterpillar dealer, the other by the Missoula Federal Credit Union). Last year's large Neighborhood Project grant still has \$1,000 remaining to beautify the traffic signal box by Costco when the next public art call is made (probably 2015).
- Bert Lindler reported that construction of the Grant Creek Trail is proceeding. However, a few problems have cropped up and costs are exceeding the budget. The city Public Works Department is considering reducing the speed limit to 35 mph in the winding section of Grant Creek Road along the Charlotte Reed Marbut Nature Reserve.
- Brian Walter said that the Grantland Landowners Association is considering some concrete work at the intersection of Starwood Drive and Grant Creek Road to improve the bicycle/pedestrian crossing to the Grant Creek Trail. He is concerned that the city's existing growth plan, which does not envision substantial growth in Grant Creek, could be in jeopardy during the growth planning that the city is now conducting.
- The abandoned RV has been hauled away from the dirt Montana Snowbowl parking lot north of the I-90/Reserve Street interchange, but a pile of trash has been left there for several weeks, causing concern. Several members of the leadership team have volunteered to help with the removal. Wendell Beardsley explained the benefits of having parking available there and said that he had talked to Brad Morris in hopes not only of helping with the present problem but coming up with ways of preventing similar problems in the future.
- The leadership team considered a range of dates for a general meeting of the Grant Creek Neighborhood Council, setting the meeting time for 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 5, in the Grant Creek Inn (meeting room has been reserved). Possible agenda items include:
 - The city's growth plan
 - The proposal for a 35-mph speed limit along the portion of Grant Creek Road along the Charlotte Reed Marbut Nature Reserve (former NWF bird sanctuary)
 - Grant Creek Trail update
 - Ways to prevent vehicles and trash from being abandoned in the Montana Snowbowl dirt parking lot north of the I-90 interchange
 - Additional southbound lane/s on Grant Creek Road at the I-90 interchange.