

Community Forum Meeting
April 28, 2005
7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
Moderator, John Couch

Moderator, **John Couch** began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and took roll:

Emma Dickinson – Bill Earhart
Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Celeste River
Franklin to the Fort – Jerry Tahija
Grant Creek – John Hendrickson
Heart of Missoula–Lynn Redding
Lewis & Clark– Jon Wilkins
Lower Rattlesnake– Carol Elsen
Miller Creek– absent
Moose Can Gully—Chris Froines
Northside– absent
Westside– John Couch
Riverfront– absent
Rose Park–Ellen McCullough
South 39th – absent
Southgate Triangle–Hans Christiansen
University District–Jan Hoem
Upper Rattlesnake–Freddie Thompson
City Council Representative – Clayton Floyd
Neighborhood Liaison—Ruth Brennan Anderson

Others Present

Meeting attendee sign in sheet available at Office of Neighborhoods.

Quorum

It was announced that a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda

Hans Christiansen made a motion to approve the agenda. *Jon Wilkins* seconded the motion. The agenda passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Public Comment

Bob Oaks, LGSC: Alan Ault is also here from LGSC. We have been inviting Forum members and NC members to give us ideas about what you like about your local government, what you dislike. We will investigate ways we can help try to change local government so it is more effective for you. We are here to hear your ideas if you have some tonight. Pam Walzer is also here from LGSC.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of March 24, 2004: **Hans Christiansen** made a motion to approve the minutes. **Jon Wilkins** seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carries. The minutes passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Special Orders

None

Announcements

Marty Rehbein: The CF had recommended you wanted an additional \$200 for each NC and I've submitted that to the Mayor and the budget team for their consideration. You had also asked for an additional half time for the Neighborhood Liaison. Before I submitted my budget I had a couple of Council members come to me and say that they might be able to lend some support to something that is more multifunctional. I pulled out an analysis of time spent that we did when Jane Stoll was the Neighborhood Liaison. The Neighborhood Liaison spends about 20-24 hours each month doing things like agendas, minutes, web site maintenance and other types of administrative tasks. My office has also been approached about taking minutes for the Green House Gas Subcommittee that was created by the City Council that meets a couple of times a year. In addition my office, as well as others, has experienced a shortage of staff. That proposal is not a bad idea. It would free up some time for the current Neighborhood Liaison to spend more time with neighborhood activities, direct service to neighborhoods. We would have someone to help pull together the minutes and the Liaison newsletter, help answer the phones where there is a staffing shortage. I submitted the half time Neighborhood Liaison addition and the half time secretary as well. I submitted them as parallel requests. I did say that my preference to choose would be the half time secretary, because I haven't had the support of those two council members before and the vote has always been 7 to 5. I don't know if it will be funded. **Clayton Floyd:** For the record I was not one of those two council members. **Marty:** He wasn't. **Hans:** We know that you do the best you can and we appreciate that. **Jan Hoem:** Is the half time secretary then kind of a floater who would go to various places? **Marty:** It is going to be pretty multi-functional. The regular duties of that person are going to be largely working for the CF. **Jon:** Thank you very much.

Ruth Anderson: CF budget is \$244.85. Small project balance is \$1,000. The CF bylaws were approved as amended by City Council on April 4th. On April 25th City Council approved the CF recommended amendments to Ordinance 3030 by unanimous vote with one absent. It is now Ordinance 3288. On May 19th the LGSC will have a town meeting at the Missoula Public Library at 6:00 pm. OPG invites the CF and NC representatives and the public to a presentation about a working draft of small lot development standards on May 10th from 5:30-7:00 pm at City Council Chambers, City Hall. Missoula Historic Preservation Commission is hosting a 2 day conference on historic preservation practices entitled Battles Won and Lost. It is free and open to the public, except the working lunch. Please contact Beth Hubble for more information at 258-4933 or bhubble@co.missoula.mt.us. The Riverfront NC will have a general meeting on May 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Senior Citizen Center on Higgins. Visit www.missoula-neighborhoods.org for that agenda or call Ruth Anderson at 258-4917. The Missoula Police Dept. invites you to join them in an evening of remembrance and celebration on May 5th 7-8 pm at the Missoula Memorial Rose Garden Law Enforcement Monument. Bus Tour and Training Committee please meet with me after the CF meeting to set meeting dates in May. If you want

future agenda packets emailed to you rather than mailed to you please let me know after the meeting. There is no CF meeting for May because of the Bus Tour on May 26th. We still need a moderator for June 23rd and July 28th CF meetings. *Jon*: I'll moderate the June 23rd meeting.

Presentations

Jackie Corday, Open Space Program Manager, Parks & Recreation Dept.: Two major jobs—(1) to implement the Open Space Plan, (2) implement the 2004 Master Parks & Recreation Plan. [Passes out city ordinance that was passed in December and finalized in February 2005]. In May 2004, City and County adopted a new master parks plan that covers the greater Missoula area. That plan includes a chapter called implementation and action items in addition to goals. One of the action items is really the heart of what the ordinance is all about, “Explore the desirability and actively pursue the feasibility of selling, trading, or converting the use of public lands that do not meet the classifications and standards contained in the master parks and recreation plan whereby the funds or benefits from those ownership transfers could be used to further the master plan goals. Utilize the revenues from disposed properties to improve the existing parks system or develop parks in underserved areas. If current law does not allow these policies, the local governments should pursue legislative change to make this action feasible.” We did not have real clear cut policies on how we could pursue this. I was asked by City Council, to prepare an ordinance to set out a procedure. The purpose is in 12.41.005 [Jackie reads section]. Nonconforming parkland language comes from the master parks plan. In addition to a written description of what is a nonconforming park in the plan, there is a chart that lists every single park in Missoula and categorizes it. The categories are: pocket park (generally 2 acres or less), neighborhood park (generally at least 2 acres or more), community park (like Greenough, Playfair), regional park (Fort Missoula one day), and nonconforming park. During the year long process to adopt the master park plan, there was a citizen advisory committee that worked to incorporate a lot of ideas into this plan. One of the things the committee saw was that some of these areas that are designated as parks, they were dedicated to the City mostly through subdivision review. A lot of them are small pieces of land tucked behind houses. They don't have any visible street access, basically they are like an extension to a few people's backyards. They are not getting used like our typical parks. They are a burden in a couple of ways. One, is maintenance. The smaller the park is the greater the maintenance costs are for the City, acre per acre. All of the 11 nonconforming parks identified in the master parks plan are undeveloped, bare land. There could be better use for them. They could be transferred maybe to a home owners association. Or maybe the neighbors who live right next to the park could purchase them. What we felt was really important in this ordinance was to set out a procedure that included lots of public review. We wanted to make sure that no park potentially went up for sale without people knowing about it. [Jackie reads section A and subsection 1. of 12.41.010]. [Jackie refers to the Park Board Evaluation matrix handout]. All of the first set of questions on the matrix came from criteria that are in the master park plan. All of the questions go to, can it function as a neighborhood park? If a piece of land gets low points all the way through the matrix, there is still a saving provision. The second set of questions are there because there may be other reasons we want to keep this land. This set of questions is weighted differently. One question could score very high and that could be enough to keep the land. If a nonconforming park just doesn't have any merit under the matrix, the park board forwards it to City Council with a recommendation that the City Council consider it and have a public hearing to consider selling or transferring it. [Jackie refers to section A and subsection 2. of 12.41.010]. Park

personnel will post notice on the property saying when the hearing is. All property owners within 300 feet of the parkland will get notification by mail. All of this notice is 30 day notice.

Jon: I like the notice of public hearing within 300 feet. The only thing I don't see in there, I don't see a right of protest. **Jackie:** No, it's not like a rezoning. There's no right of protest.

Freddi: Am I correct that the first time the neighborhood will hear about this is when the property is posted? **Jackie:** According to the statute itself you are correct. But, according to how the Parks Dept. is going to do this process, no. You will hear of it, any immediate joining neighbors, any neighborhood association, and the Neighborhood Council will hear of it pretty quick. Because the Parks Dept. does not want to be proposing to sell a park if there is going to be a lot of opposition right up front. **Freddi:** There will be some communication before the postings. **Jackie:** Yes. **Freddi:** At the bottom of the evaluation sheet it says is this park needed to meet the desired Level of Service for this area? Do you have different levels of service for different areas and are those contained in the parks plan? **Jackie:** There is a desired level of service for all areas; it's the same. What is different is what is out there in fact. There are neighborhoods that have a good level of service, they've got a good number of parks and they are well served. There are other neighborhoods, like River Road, that finally just got its first park, that were under served. **Freddi:** The service relates to the park itself and its use? **Jackie:** To acreage. The master park plan has a goal of providing 2.5 acres of land per 1,000 people. We look at each area and see if it is being served or underserved, if they are developed, underdeveloped, or underserved. **Jon:** I heard concerns in my neighborhood when this first came up, because we have parks that are about 2 acres, one is Elm Park and the other is Denton Park, they are both developed. Most of these that we are talking about are probably in new subdivisions. Both of our parks are examples of what can happen down the road, because they are both neat little parks. I think it's important that in new subdivisions when that park might not be developed for several years that we always keep in mind what could be there. **Jackie:** That's a good point. Nothing is on the nonconforming list that has any development. One of the components of nonconforming is that there is no development. There are a lot of great little parks that are about 2 acres that won't be considered at all to be sold or transferred. **Hans:** Given that most of those parks have limited access and are mostly knapweed, is it realistic to expect that we are going to get a very good return on the sale of those. **Jackie:** In most cases we probably won't get much. Because they don't have access, maybe they have a 20 foot wide easement, etc.. That is why we included the option of sale or transfer. There are a few, potentially, that are in the county that are wholly surrounded by the City, could potentially be useful parcels as far as being developed. In those cases there might be some money we could get out of them. **Bill:** Do you have a list of the 11 nonconforming parks, are they on the web? **Jackie:** You can find it when you click on the master parks plan. In the master park plan is an inventory of all of the parks and how they are categorized. All 11 of them are either in the Rattlesnake or in Linda Vista. **Ellen:** Is there some written policy about future little pieces of land that are given, so that there is some way to discourage that this won't happen in the future. **Jackie:** That is another major goal of the master park plan to create standards. Every subdivision comes to the Parks Dept. for review. Now when I get a subdivision, I can review it against the standards of the master park plan. **Couch:** The matrix seems to be talking about whether or not it is nonconforming park land. The second set of questions in the matrix does not specifically say nonconforming. If you look at 12.41.010 it seems like any park property could fall in this not just nonconforming. **Jackie:** No, you have to tie it to the matrix, and the matrix specifically says nonconforming. **Couch:** Just the mention of the matrix does it? **Jackie:** Yes.

Bill: Is there any provision for a land owner say they buy a piece of this and they want to put an alley house on it are there any provisions for nondevelopment of this property? **Jackie:** It will be on a case by case basis. Some of this land will be zoned, some of it may not be zoned or zoned as park. **Jan:** Is any of this land appropriate for a small home not on an alley? **Jackie:** The 11 that are listed, I don't believe any of them are developable. I would have to check, but I don't think so. **Jan:** The reason I asked is because I know that Habitat for Humanity has a hard time getting properties to build on. **Jackie:** If a property were sold, it would be a very public process and go to the highest bidder. **Clayton:** What also came up is the need for the City to reduce the amount it has to expend every year in funds for maintaining these. It is a pretty significant impact to the Parks' budget and it's money that could be better spent maintaining the ones we've already got developed.

Committee Reports

3288 Committee

1. Mentoring NCs: **Ruth** reports that Riverfront residents are interested in becoming active again. They will have a general meeting on May 3rd.

Extraordinary Events Committee

Jon: there has not been a meeting, so there is nothing to report.

Bus Tour Committee

John Couch: Presents the Bus Tour Committee recommendations before the CF for a vote. **Bill:** Is the list of neighborhoods in chronological order? **Ruth:** It is just a list. [Ruth lists them in chronological order]. **Hans:** It looks good. I'm sure it's going to be a great tour. **Carol Elsen** makes a motion to approve the Bus Tour Committee recommendations. **Hans** seconded the motion. None opposed. The Committee recommendations passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Training Committee

Hans: We will meet with Ruth tonight. **Ruth:** On the committee are—Hans, Jerry, John Hendrickson, Chris Froines and anyone else. **Jon** will join the committee.

Unfinished Business

●1. Glen Eagle sewer issue. **Clayton:** We are still making headway. There are a number of us involved in offers and counter offers. **Hans:** I am really encouraged to see something happening here.

●2. Brainstorm future CF topics/agenda items. **Ruth:** I got very little written feedback from the forms distributed. At the CFLT we discussed that perhaps the method of getting the feedback needs to change. In addition to accepting written comment, brainstorming at CF, also me, as Liaison (and anyone else interested), and getting on NCLT meeting agendas for this topic. **Celeste:** I thought of an idea that would be nice for the CF to present "Living on the Edge" an evening symposium kind of event and get more name recognition of Neighborhood Councils and the Community Forum. People and neighborhoods who are on the edge could host, e.g. Farviews/Pattee Canyon, Moose Can Gully, Rattlesnake, Grant Creek, Miller Creek. The people who live there are in that transition zone between the

woods and the town. I have talked with Jason Diehl, Fire Dept. The 25 minute film is very informative. Jason could also bring information about the public meetings for the County Wildfire Protection Plan. A recent newspaper article was on fires on private land burn into national forests. Sue Eakens, from Moose Can Gully neighborhood, wanted to include a presentation about coexisting safely and in harmony with wildlife. We maybe could have some artwork from Monte Dolack included. A committee could brainstorm this idea and I could help us do this, but it should be before the fire season starts, before now & June. **Ruth**: I can help you by circulating correspondence. **Jon**: My neighborhood would be interested. I've lived there for 26 years and we had bears right in the Lewis & Clark neighborhood and people didn't know how to react to it. **Celeste**: It could be all of the NCs of the CF and then through the publicity it would bring more public awareness about our body and bodies.

New Business

- 1. CFLT election: **Couch** calls for a show of hands electing Hans to another term on the CFLT. All in favor, none opposed.
- 2&3. CF Small Project Fund Grant Application (for Bus Tour). **Hendrickson**: the bus tour application is for \$150 to make up the difference for the bus and food and drink. The second application is for the Lower Rattlesnake Historic District sign dedication. The NPF committee recommended both applications be submitted for CF approval. **Couch** calls for comments on either grant application. **Jon** makes motion to approve the grant for the bus tour. Motion seconded by **Freddi**. None opposed. Motion carries. **Jan** makes motion to approve the grant for the Lower Rattlesnake Historic District as written. Motion seconded by **Hendrickson**. None opposed. Motion carries.
- 4. CF support of transportation resolution requested by group of Missoula citizens. **Couch** reads proposed resolution [copy is attached to hard copy of minutes]. Calls for discussion or comments. **Hans**: I feel bad that this has drug on so long, because it should have passed right away. In the future I hope they would give us a heads up so that we know it's coming and can act on it sooner. I am going to support this. The other thing is, "a group of Missoula citizens" you want to put a face on that or a name? **Ruth**: At the time when we first got the resolution, that is how they described themselves, they had not given themselves a name. Ray Aten, Bob Giordano, and a few others. I think they may have a name now, but I don't recall. Ray, who is present, may be able to address that. **Ray**: Since the proposal came before you about 3 months ago, a group of us have decided to call ourselves the Missoula Advocates for Sustainable Transportation. Alex Taft is another person, Nancy Wilson, Director of ASUM, a number of graduate students. We get together about once a week. We've been visiting with the transportation planners for about a year. To try to get them to work towards an active full time public policy, a group of citizens who would work in concert with the transportation planners on the whole transportation program in the greater Missoula area. So that made us aware that this TIP process takes place each year. At that time they think about how funds are going to be spent over the next 3 year period. Knowing that the long range plan that a lot of citizens and staff have worked on (inaudible end tape) the transportation plan is to provide a transportation system that satisfies the mobility and accessibility needs of the community, prioritizing the needs of nonmotorized and transit users while minimizing the impact to the built and natural environment. That's in the long range plan; that's your 20 year plan. The Missoula demand management task force, they have recommended to

the policy coordinating committee (the TPCC) that they should allocate existing transportation funds in a way that allows transit projects that are currently unfunded to move into the funded list, with corresponding postponement of as many projects that increase road capacity as necessary. For example, using STP funds for transit. That has prompted us to ask you, in general, I don't care about the specific projects, but the unfunded projects that support this kind of transportation, nonmotorized, transit, sidewalks, are these unfunded projects that were on that sheet we had submitted to you. I think we are just seeking that you go forward and say to the City Council, yeah this is what we want, this is what we care about, we don't want to build roads like Reserve Street in Missoula. **Jon**: Can any of this money be used towards the maintenance of streets that are in disrepair? Sidewalks in disrepair? **Ray**: Yes, the funded category of the present transportation improvement program does name specific projects like those. In the unfunded ones, we are advocating for other things. **Hans**: Did I understand you to say that you would discourage putting money into roads and streets to encourage the money going into buses and bicycle use. **Ray**: What I am quoting is from the transportation demand management program. I think we are advocates for rethinking spending money just on roads. I think if you ask transportation planners will you ever have enough roads the answer is no. Can you ever have enough buses? No. Can you ever have enough bike lanes? No. So it's about a more equitable distribution of the funds. **Jan**: I sat in on the community wide meetings as a representative for the air quality advisory council. One of the things that came up in those meetings is that a tremendous amount of money has been set aside for roads and some of these big road projects like malfunction junction. A lot of the things Ray is talking about don't take very much money and make a big difference to people who are on foot or on bikes. A small amount of money can do a lot for this alternative transportation. **Ellen**: I think it would be good for all of this to look at the resolution itself. What we are being asked to do is support these people in their quest for to have additional TIP projects funded. We are not saying we don't want roads. We do want roads, we have roads. We are just saying we would like additional projects funded and to encourage the City Council to advocate for these additional funds. There is no harm in us encouraging them to do that. To encourage MPO to find sponsors for the unfunded projects; I think that is a great thing to do. To move forward if the receive sponsors in funding. I think the resolution is well written and I like it. **Freddi**: Is this federal or state money? **Ray**: It is all of those. **Freddi**: On the list it says number in LRP, what is LRP? **Ray**: The 20 year Long Range Plan. **Freddi**: How are these prioritized? What are the criteria? **Ray**: There was in 2002, a group of citizens and staff from City and County got together to assess the previous long range plan and came up with a new long range plan with a whole long list of projects. The reason they are listed is because if they aren't they cannot be funded. At the back of the long range plan there is a section where it is listed the funded projects, there is then listed the recommended projects (but unfunded), which is where these come from, and then there is a whole list of unfunded projects. They needed to do that so when T21 money became available they could do those projects. **Freddi**: So these are prioritized by the planners and this group of people? **Ray**: They were. Our priorities list is different. **Freddi**: Your group set that priority list? **Ray**: Yes. **Freddi**: Does any of this money go to administrative fees? Or all to projects? **Ray**: You'd have to ask the City planners; I don't know. **Clayton**: Almost all of this is federal money, generated

primarily from gas tax, or general fund from the federal government. One of the reasons I think motorized infrastructure receives some preference in the long range plan is because that where the funding generally comes from. What you are hearing is a plea to encourage, increase additional moneys for nonmotorized or alternative modes of transportation. That's something we definitely want to encourage. What you also need to look at is that because there is a finite amount of money, if you encourage something on this list that is not currently funded, but recommended it will bump something else.

Ray, have you ever actually been able to document in the City of Missoula what percentage of people bike, walk, or bus, on a regular basis as their primary mode of transportation? **Ray**: We've been told that there are numbers like that, getting access to it has been extremely difficult. **Clayton**: The census when it was taken, that was one of the questions, and that is part of a data base that would provide part of the answer, but I don't think it's the total answer. What I would encourage is that at some point we try to figure out what that number is. When we have money being spent on infrastructure of any kind, the statement was that there should be equity in how we spend that money, I don't disagree with that, but if folks who regularly use nonmotorized modes of transportation represent 5% of the total, then equity in my mind would be 5% of the total.

Ellen: That's an interesting point and I think equity should come into it. I'm not sure that we can say you can establish equity by what currently exists, because there are so many roads and so many places would like to bike or walk and they are not able to. This would be a great way for us to say that we would like more put in that direction. This is a recommendation; a priority we like. **Couch**: I would like to say a little bit about numbers. The National Seminar for Biking and Walking out of Washington DC website, I remember reading on the site, it's estimated that in our country around 28% of us do not drive. That 28% of us includes those too young to drive, unable to drive (whether physical or mental capabilities don't allow them to), there are people who are too old to drive, there are also people who choose not to drive, there are also people who cannot afford to drive. **Jon**: What I'm concerned about is that my neighborhood is surrounded by main streets, the maintenance on the streets hasn't been done. If it keeps going on, an overlay won't work and the streets would have to be replaced. We have sidewalks that have big chunks taken out of them. I ride an electric scooter. On my block, there is only one place I can ride the scooter, and that's out on the street, because there is no ADA approved access to my sidewalks. There are other older people with scooters around. I like what is happening around there with the bicycle lanes, because it's important. But I'd hate to think that I would approve something that would give more access to bicycles and take away from getting sidewalks fixed or that would keep ADA accessible sidewalks from happening. They did a great job along Higgins. My concern is that a lot of things on the wish list are going to bicycles and not much concern about accessibility for disabled and older people. **Freddi**: I guess what I like looking at the list is it improves some connectivity and some access. When I bike or walk sometimes, you can take a trail part way and then you are stuck. I did tell Mr. Aten last month in the future it would be nice to see a map of these projects and how they relate to connectivity. (inaudible). **Hans**: I'd like a show of hands, we're talking about us, how many people in this room do not drive at all? [one hand raised]. **Jan**: We are getting our sidewalks repaired in the university area. For us it is going to cost anywhere from \$2,000 to \$15,000 per person, because we pay for those repairs ourselves. **Celeste**: I think it is

good to raise awareness of other forms of transportation. Just today on the news there was a special on growth here and projecting how many people will be living here. It was talking about infrastructure. It is forward thinking to think of other ways of getting around. It seems to me this must include walking and concerns about sidewalks, your concerns Jon. **Ellen** makes a motion to adopt the Resolution. **Jan** seconds the motion. None opposed. Motion carries on a voice vote.

- 5. Introduction of recommended proposed changes to Ordinance 3288. **Ellen**: The first proposed change is section 5C)— after “communicating with City government” adding “as directed by the Neighborhood council.” This is one of the Leadership Team sections. The next change is section 6E)—it reads, after “or subcommittee” add “or leadership team” but a better proposal is to put a period after Neighborhood Council. The reason for these suggestions is to clear up what a LT can and cannot do as far as giving advice to the City Council. This came up in our neighborhood. It’s been the habit of a lot of LTs and sometimes individuals to give advice to the City Council. I think it is a good idea to clarify it. Then everyone should be made aware of what individuals and LTs can and cannot do. Next time it will be on the agenda for discussion. I am open to other suggested changes.

Ongoing Business

Jon: I’d like to make a referral under new business. That we change our bylaws [intended 3288] to be able to temporarily elect an alternate to the CF until we can have a NC meeting to elect. **Celeste**: Last week I spent a lot of time looking over the City Charter 3030, CF bylaws, Farviews bylaws. There is no provision for when you don’t have an alternate. Why couldn’t the LT just select a temporary person to represent the neighborhood at CF? With City Council, they appoint someone who resigns until an election. **Couch**: Changes to 3288? **Ruth**: Referring changes to the 3288 committee. **Hans**: I am pleased everyone is reading these things. 3288 designates how that is done. Until we change it, that is the way it needs to be done. If you want to change it, it takes 3 months. **Ellen** makes a motion to refer this to committee. **Jon** seconds the motion. **Jerry**: It seems like if we are going to burden the City Council with this, I don’t think we should be saying every 3 months we are going to give you something to worry about. I think we should do this once or twice per year. **Clayton**: I think it’s good that people are focused on it and now may be as good a time as not. What we heard from Celeste is a little different from what we heard on Monday night. Designating that it be a temporary situation by the LT of the CF or the LT of the NC until the next general meeting, to me makes perfect sense. I don’t think that one would be as controversial as the one Monday night. **Jon**: I think this is really an important issue I would hate to see it go a whole year without being addressed. Roll call vote taken. None opposed. Motion carries.

Monthly report to CC

After CF discussion:

- Report on the 3288 proposed amendment referral to 3288 committee.
- The action items on the agenda.
- Notice of Bus Tour and Invitation of CC
- Jackie Corday’s presentation
- Celeste’s proposed symposium

Neighborhood Updates

Neighborhood updates were reported.

- Emma Dickinson/Orchard Homes: City Council approved 2 motions past Monday. One was for development of Lafray Lane Park. We also had Bulen St. PUD. The residents originally protested, then worked with the developer, OPG, and the City to get a green infrastructure plan that goes along with our 2001 neighborhood infrastructure plan. After that we withdrew our protest. Our LT had 2 resignations, president and treasurer. We met Monday with 3 other members and are trying to have an LT meeting and general meeting with an election.
- Farviews & Pattee Canyon: We had our first meeting in a year on April 26th. We had 25 people. We had elections. Ray was elected at CF alternate and moderated the meeting. The Little White House got a good article in the newspaper recently. We will try to get a work day organized. We will have another general meeting on June 2nd. Our NC passed 2 resolutions that I would like to have the CFLT consider the resolutions. [reads title and conclusion of each Resolution]. My hope is that people will become more informed about this and create something that might be a model for other hillside view areas of Missoula and around Missoula. We also have a petition started to show the City and OPG that we really want this. Jerry Ballas is going to work with us to get this going.
- Franklin to the Fort: Infrastructure plan meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday. The F2FLT meets every 1st Wednesday. We are considering a candidate forum in partnership with Southgate Triangle at a later date.
- Grant Creek: Pass.
- Heart of Missoula: Pass.
- Lewis & Clark: Our meeting is going to be on June 1st at Lewis & Clark School Multi-Purpose Room. We'll give an award for the best development in the neighborhood. This is an ongoing award. We'll talk about traffic calming on Pattee St. We are going to invite the mayoral candidates. On June 11th we'll dedicate our 2 bridges at the duck pond and a clean up. If you are interested, call Jon at 543-7952. David Claman said sidewalks on 34th St. will be getting started and ADA approaches to our bridges, two benches.
- Lower Rattlesnake: (left meeting)
- Moose Can Gully: LT met to talk about the bus tour and updating our mailing list so we can get more people at the general membership meetings.
- Westside: Federated Northside/Westside NC met on 4/21. We had 117 people and also lots of kids. We talked about our Neighborhood Plan. We had a presentation by the board of directors for the food coop. We also had musical entertainment, talking about food issues in our neighborhood. Our LT meets monthly, normally on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Call 728-0161 to find out when the meeting will occur. I want to thank the LT and the other volunteers who got together to make 6 new sandwich boards for us. Also thanks to Ruth who printed signs for the sandwich boards.
- Rose Park: We had a NC meeting that was largely about the Café Dolce, it was very well attended, informative and was a great meeting.
- Southgate Triangle: On April 13th we had our semi-annual general meeting. Our speaker was Mr. Bob Henthorn, a teacher at Sentinel and the University. He has a program called a safe route to school. They went to the 5th graders at Russell school to use GPS and mapping. The kids mapped their routes to school, areas that might be a danger zone. One of the safety features is that they want to know exactly where all the homes are of the pre-released sexual offender list

and if any of those homes are close to the school routes. We also are discussing different improvements to our parks. We are also looking at our nominations of LT people in the Fall.

- University District: We had a NC meeting will be on 4/21 and we had a couple of LT meetings. We started at 6:30 with some parents who wanted meet with Officer Colin Roads and Officer Jamie Cocina to talk about stranger danger. It was a very useful time. Scott Stringer, Urban Forester, talked to us about trees in Missoula. The majority of the trees in the University District have reached the end of their life expected term. Scott mentioned the need for more money for the care of these trees. Steve King was there to talk about Higgins/Beckwith, the possibility of a roundabout and looking at the 5th/6th/Madison bridge reconstruction. We passed out a survey at the end of the meeting. One question was, "If an intersection needed traffic control and had adequate space, would you support the installation of a roundabout?" 25 people said yes. 8 were leaning toward yes. 2 were undecided. 1 was leaning toward no. 1 was no. 1 didn't know enough. Rosie talked about South Campus. Dotty gave a response to Rosie. It was a very good meeting

- Upper Rattlesnake: pass

- Clayton Floyd: Encourages NCs to have candidate forums.

Jon: I thank the LGSC for attending. I hope that you encourage NCs in your studies. I think it's a great way for neighborhoods to come across to the City.

Bob Oaks: We'd like to get on your agenda for a 15 minute discussion next time. I still want people to think about how NCs could be made better and let us know.

Adjournment

Couch adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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