

**Community Forum Meeting
December 15, 2005
7:00 p.m.
Missoula Public library
Moderator, Ellen McCullough**

Moderator, Ellen McCullough began the meeting at 7:00 P.M. and took roll:

Emma Dickinson – Bill Earhart (Alternate)
Farviews/Pattee Canyon –Celeste River
Franklin to the Fort – Jerry Tahija
Grant Creek – John Hendrickson
Heart of Missoula–Absent
Lewis & Clark– Greg Gullickson
Lower Rattlesnake– Penny Orwick (Alternate)
Miller Creek– Absent
Moose Can Gully—Absent
Northside– Absent
Westside – Absent
Riverfront– Gwen Hoppe
Rose Park–Ellen McCullough
South 39th–Renee Mitchell
Southgate Triangle–Hans Christiansen
University District–Vacant
Upper Rattlesnake–Absent
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

The agenda passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Public Comment

Glen Williams residing on Norman’s Lane presented a handout - Glen is informing the Forum of a visual pollution problem, describes 5 ft. tall, 16 inch by 9 inch wide Utility Meter Pods being built near the sidewalk on Norman’s Lane. They are not going to service the homes on Norman’s Lane; but will service a townhouse project that is sitting below Norman’s Lane. The pods are obnoxious to look at and not appropriate for the residential neighborhood. Glen is asking for the Forum’s support in efforts to have the pods taken down and moved to the townhouses where they belong. It will take cooperation with the builders involved and

Northwestern Energy. Northwestern Energy has several reasons why they put them there. Glen presented a letter he sent to Northwestern Energy requesting the pods to be removed.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Nov. 17, 2005- *Celeste* - Made a few amendments to November's minutes. *Hans*: Motion to approve the minutes as amended. Minutes were approved as amended on a voice vote.

Special Orders

Jon: Presented an appreciation award to Clayton.

Announcements

Ruth Anderson: The CF budget is \$200.00, the small project balance is \$1,916.00. On the agenda there are two small project applications for \$200.00 each. The green sheet in the packet is the Hillside Standards Review and Change Request submitted by Farviews/Pattee Canyon NC which is on the agenda. A reminder to have your NC leadership teams meet and get together after the holidays to plan election meetings. The reason there are some people absent is because they do not have any representatives, an alternate or representative currently elected. Celeste volunteered for January's CF moderator and I need volunteers for February's meeting and future months. The CF will resume on the 4th Thursday of the month and will meet on January 26, 2006 at the Missoula Public Library large public meeting room. On Feb 23rd the meeting will be at the Fire station #4 on Latimer St.

Presentations

Vanessa Nie Program Manager of Community Restorative Justice – The organization is made up of a small staff of volunteers and a working community board of directors. We have implemented a victim offender Dialogue Program. This program offers the opportunity for victims of a juvenile crime the opportunity to meet the juvenile offender in a safe, structured, face to face setting. The goal of the meetings are for the victims, so they can speak to the juvenile and express how the crime has affected them, and hopefully repair some of the harm done to them. The juvenile is also able to see how their offense and behaviors have affected the victim and the community. The program is free and is a voluntary program, and the basic need of the program is there has to be an identifiable victim. Primarily we get the juveniles from juvenile probation office, and I thought it would be a good idea to come to the CF to inform the neighborhoods about the program. Vanessa would be happy to come to the neighborhood meetings to inform and answer questions about the program. This program has been in existence since last summer 2005, and has been successful in other areas of the country.

Committee Reports

Extraordinary Events Committee: No report

Neighborhood Project Fund Committee

Celeste River: The deadline for the large grant was November 30, 2005, and there were 19 applications. The applications were distributed to various City Departments for their reviews on the proposals. Their review answers are due December 14, 2005. The completed application packets will be distributed to the 2006 Neighborhood Project Fund Committee. We need to

nominate and vote on 3 new Community Forum representatives for the 2006 Neighborhood Project Fund Committee. The 2005 committee included Jerry Ballas for the City Council, Tracy O'Reilly for the Neighborhood Network of Home Owner Associations, Celeste River, Jon Wilkins, and John Hendrickson from the Community Forum. We need 3 new CF members or some can repeat again for another year. **John Hendrickson:** Jon Wilkins is going to be the City Council representative for this committee. **Celeste:** She has done this for two years in a row and has enjoyed it. She liked going to see the projects, and got to rate the projects with a numbering system. **Hans Christiansen:** Volunteered, because he hasn't done it for a couple of years. **Ruth:** We do have this issue on the agenda under New Business and do need to vote. **Hans:** Have we got the review answers back from the City Departments? **Ruth:** Parks and Recreation Department got theirs in and haven't heard from the others, but sent out a reminder.

Training Committee

Ruth Anderson: I sent out a mass e-mail to everyone, about the computer updating. Bob Jaffe would like to get on the January agenda to do a summary training and I don't have any new news for the training in general. Last month I reported that Marty Rehbein is working with MCAT in filming a lot of the orientation and training going on for City Council Representatives or Board members. The tapes will be available to check out for group or individual viewing.

Unfinished Business

Glen Eagle sewer issues – **Clayton:** The issue was approved by vote Monday night. The City Council agreed to accept the settlement offer and de-annex Glen Eagle.

Farviews/Pattee Canyon NC Resolution RE: Hillside Design Standards – **Celeste:** Asking for discussion or questions? **Hans:** Wants to fully support the issue. **John:** Makes motion. **Hans:** Seconds the motion. Motion passes on voice vote with Franklin to the Fort opposed to support.

Nominations for Community Forum Leadership Team – **Ellen:** We have members terms that are going to expire in 2007. We have Hans, Jerry, Celeste, and John that are good for a while. For vacancies, we have John Hendrickson, Jon Wilkins, and Freddie Thompson that are leaving.

Hans: Nominates Renee Mitchell. **John Hendrickson:** Seconds the motion. **Hans:** Nominates Greg Gullickson. **John Hendrickson:** Seconds the motion. (Discussion of how the members are involved)

New Business

Discussion and vote on CF position on re-zoning request for a casino North of Grant Creek I-90 interchange – **John Hendrickson:** Town Pump withdrew their request for re-zoning and establishing a casino at the opening of Grant Creek. We had a neighborhood meeting and decided that it wasn't a good place for a casino. This resolution will protect all neighborhoods with the same problem. City Councilman Don Nicholson and Clayton are writing up an ordinance similar to this one and outlining where the casinos are now, and there are about 40 of them, and the ordinance will state where they can be located. Missoula is the only city that does not have this type of ordinance. We can approach the CC, and Ward Reps. stating we want an ordinance to limit casinos in residential neighborhoods. **Clayton:** A number of questions keep coming up; 1. Does the city have the right to limit casinos on the basis of license, and no we do not. Montana State Department of Revenue has the licensing authority, and as the city population grows there will continue to be new licenses issued based on population increase. The existing licenses: We have nothing to say in regards to who holds them or when they are

transferred. Montana Code Annotated does provide the local governing body the opportunity to say where they are prohibited. In the last 10 years Franklin to the Fort has battled 8 casino applications and the city attempted to address the issue by saying they are allowed currently by ordinance in a number of zones (Commercial, Z2, D, Industrial etc.). It doesn't solve the problem, because what they are saying is one of those zones plus 300 ft. is roughly 1 city block. We need to have a discussion, and decide where they should be located and draw those zones permitting where they go and the rest would be prohibited. I think this would be an appropriate action for the governing body to take, and it would solve this constant battle every time someone wants to develop a casino. **John Hendrickson:** Even though Town Pump withdrew their application for re-zoning; OPG says they approved it and moved it forward to the Planning Board and it is up to them to approve or disapprove, then it moves on to the City Council. In all we have 300 signatures against it, 28 letters of protest, and maybe 25 % of the joining property owners who protested it also. OPG approved it. **Hans:** The Grant Creek re-zoning request is moot at this time, because they withdrew their application, but we can still vote to support your position. **John H.:** Besides my particular neighborhood, I think we should move forward with this and address it to all neighborhoods. **Ellen:** Is it correct in saying that OPG had no choice but to permit it, because this is not on the books. **John H.:** No, because where Town Pump wanted it to go in was commercialized C and CG, and they would have to get a variance zoning request overlay to permit CLB. **John H.:** This is a resolution to move this issue to the City Council. **Hans:** Moved to adopt the resolution. **John H.:** Seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Ellen: Nominations and votes for 3 Community Forum representatives for the 2006 Project Fund Committee – **Celeste:** We have Hans and John nominated Celeste. **Ruth:** Tracy O'Reilly is going to be the Neighborhood Network Rep. **Ellen:** Made a motion to select Hans, Renee and Celeste. Motion passes on a voice vote. None opposed.

Ellen: Nomination and vote on Community Forum's representative on the Extraordinary Events Committee – **Jon:** What this consists of is anything at the ballpark that does not have anything to do with baseball, has to be approached to this committee. Maybe a concert or any type of event that does not involve baseball has to be brought to this committee. The committee okays the event and puts on the restrictions of whatever they might be on that event. The committee consists of 1 rep. from the CF, 1 rep. from Riverfront, Westside, and Heart of Missoula. **John:** nominated Gwen. **Hans:** Second the motion. Motion passes on voice vote. None opposed.

Small Project Fund Grant Application (Heart of Missoula Murals) **Ellen:** **John Hendrickson:** Consensus of the committee finds this project worthy. They applied for the larger \$3000.00 grant and if they do not get that, then we should encourage them to re-apply for the smaller \$200.00 grant. **Jon:** Jerry Ballas is on the committee and he wants it to go this way also. **Celeste:** There is a certain amount of money and to grant them both grants would be "double dipping"

If they do not receive the larger grant, they should apply for the smaller grant right away. She is in favor of both projects, they will help beautify Missoula. **Hans:** Motioned for a vote supporting the committee's recommendation. **John:** Second the motion. **Ellen:** All those in favor of going with the recommendation that at this time we do not support the same project funds for the murals. Motion passes on voice vote. None opposed.

John: Small Project Fund Grant Application (Labyrinth Walking Path) Same scenario, they applied for the large and small grant. We should find out where the large grants go, then if they do not get the large grant; encourage them to apply for the small grant again. **Hans:** Motioned

for a vote. **Penny:** Seconds the motion. **Ellen:** All those in favor to deny the Small Grant Fund application to Farviews Labyrinth Walking Path. Motion passes on voice vote. None opposed.

Bus Tour Committee

No Report

Extraordinary Events Committee

No Report

Monthly report to CC

After CF discussion:

- CFLT positions filled
- NPF committee positions filled & will start meeting.
- Discussion of the Hillside Design Standards Res. passed CF
- Thank the CC for the work on the Glen Eagle Project
- Casino resolution supported
- Normans Lane issue will be on next month agenda as an action item
- Clayton was recognized for his work as liaison CC Forum

John: Motion made on all issues. **Hans:** Second the motion. Motion passed on voice vote
None opposed

Neighborhood Updates

Neighborhood updates were reported.

- Grant Creek – John – We will be sending notices for a meeting to elect new reps. and elect a new leadership team. Our by-laws call for 30 days and we will be changing them. I will continue to stay active in the neighborhood. John thanks everyone for their help.
- Franklin to the Fort – Jerry – We need to continue to work on our infrastructure plan.
- City Council – Clayton – Thanks everyone for their support.
- Riverfront – Gwen – Will meet in January with the neighborhood to discuss the Ballpark agreement and the Champion Millsite Development. We are challenged to get more of the neighborhood involved in attending the meetings.
- Lewis & Clark – Greg – Thanks Jon Wilkins for all efforts. We had an election of officers and Dennis Druffel was elected as our president, Greg Gullickson was elected as CF rep. and Seth McClain was elected as an alternate.
- Rosepark – Ellen – Pass
- Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Celeste – We had a real nice Christmas Party Dec. 10, 2005 at the Lewis & Clark Village. A neighborhood neighbor organized the party. We don't have a plan for our next NC meeting yet.
- Lower Rattlesnake: Pass
- Southgate Triangle – Hans – We had a Leadership Team meeting yesterday, we are working on our By-law's. We are interested in the remodeling on Tremper's Shopping Center, even though they are not in our neighborhood, but they are important. We are interested with URD3 and what's going to be done, we want an active working with that.
- South 39th – Renee – We are glad to hear Bob Jaffee is going to do a training session on the web site. We are now meeting once a month as a Leadership Team with 2 of our members back. We will be having NC meeting in Jan. or Feb. We are trying to meet with Moose Can Gully,

because of the Hillview Way reconfiguration. We are interested with what is going to happen. We finished revamping our By-Laws and we will bring it to the meeting.

- Emma Dickinson – Bill – We had a meeting on Dec. 10, 2005 for a Design Charrette for a park on LaFray Lane, we presented ideas to Parks & Rec. and they will present it back to us sometime in Feb. and we will present it to the CC before the budget next year.

Adjournment

Ellen: Adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam
Secretary
City Clerks Office