

Community Forum Meeting
NOTES
February 23, 2006
7:07 p.m.
Fire Station #4 Latimer St.
Moderator, Sheila Mischke

Moderator, Sheila Mischke began the meeting at 7:08 P.M. and took roll:

Emma Dickinson – Mike Hathaway
Farviews/Pattee Canyon –Celeste River
Franklin to the Fort – Cryss Pinjuv
Grant Creek – Absent
Heart of Missoula–Absent
Lewis & Clark– Greg Gullickson
Lower Rattlesnake– Absent
Miller Creek– Absent
Moose Can Gully—Carson Robinson (Appointed Representative)
Northside– Absent
Westside – Absent
Riverfront– Sheila Mischke
Rose Park–Absent
South 39th–Renee Mitchell
Southgate Triangle–Hans Christiansen
University District–Absent
Upper Rattlesnake–Absent
City Council Liaison – Jon Wilkins
Neighborhood Liaison—Ruth Brennan Anderson

Others Present

David Schmetterling; Natasha Cleveland, Brian Walters

Quorum

It was announced that a quorum was not present.

Adoption of Agenda

No quorum

Public Comment

Brian Walter from Grant Creek stated the Grant Crk. Neighborhood Council is making an effort to revive the council. He said the meeting last Thursday night was successful and they elected ten Leadership Team members and a CF representative and an alternate. There will be another meeting next Thursday evening and Mr. Walter will be running for chair person. They established three standing committees which are the Grant Crk Trail, Open Space and Wildlife and Conservation committee. Grant Crk supported Franklin to the Fort Corridor Study on Reserve St.

Jon Wilkins stated there are changes to the Missoula Growth Plan and it will affect the Eminent Domain policy, Inclusionary Zoning, Transfer of Development Rights, Flexible Zoning Regulations, and Urban Growth areas. There will be a public meeting March 23, 2006 and he encouraged everyone to get involved with the Growth Plan.

He stated there is a public meeting Monday night Feb. 27, 2006 on neighborhood clusters to extend the moratorium for a year.

Renee Mitchell commented on the editorials in the Missoulian concerning eliminating neighborhood councils. She suggested discussing this issue at a later date, because this is an issue that all neighborhoods should be concerned with.

Cryss Pinjuv stated at the last Franklin to the Fort meeting made a motion and was approved to look at the NC boundary. She states they are twice the population of the average NC and the acreage is large because everything annexed West of Reserve St. joins their NC. Part of their motion was to create a new NC West of Reserve St. and they are hoping Southgate Triangle will adopt the area south of 14th St. She commented her NC is looking for support and suggestions on what to do with the growing NC boundaries.

Approval of Minutes

Special Orders

No report

Announcements

Ruth Anderson: The community Forum budget is \$200.00. The small project balance is \$1,916.00 The newly amended Ordinance #3312 is in your packets.

City Information: Amber Blake, Transportation Information Specialist with OPG is interested in getting on the NC or NCLT agendas to explain neighborhoods' role in working on a participation plan for transportation projects. She is in charge of forming a participation plan and working with neighborhoods and implementing that plan.

Search and Rescue is interested in getting on NC agendas and John Hancock can be contacted at jhmslmt@soafast.net

Local Government Study Commission:

The LGSC formed a NC committee to discuss NCs functions, needs, improvements, etc. Ms. Anderson and Celeste River attended 2 of those meetings.

In the packets is a condensed summary of information concerning NCs that was prepared by that committee of the LGSC. The summary includes a comparison of NC systems and their experiences and needs; and draws out consistent themes. The NC Committee will report to the LGSC at a special meeting and will be held March 8, 2006 on the University Campus at the Gallagher Bldg. Rm. 123 at 7:00 P.M.

Comments on the proposed Townhouse Development Standards can be e-mailed to Mark Landkammer, Planner of OPG at mlandkam@co.missoula.mt.us Comments received by Feb. 27, 2006 will be included in the staff report forwarded to the Planning Board.

Neighborhood Council Meetings:

As you schedule spring meetings please reference the NC meeting calendar to avoid double booking dates so that staff, CC reps, and/or citizens could attend more than one if they want.

Office of Neighborhoods:

It is City budget preparation time. If your NC has specific budget proposals, please forward them to me ASAP. It is an item I recommend that the CFLT consider putting on next months agenda.

Community Forum House Keeping:

Ruth asked for a moderator for March and future months.

The next CF meeting is March 23, 2006 at Fire Station #4, Latimer St. at 7:00 P.M.

Presentations

No report

Committee Reports

Extraordinary Events Committee: No report

Neighborhood Project Fund Committee: No report

Training Committee: No report

Unfinished Business

Community Forum Committee Membership Requirement Proposals: *Hans Christiansen* stated past committee members were members from the CF and there are 16 people to choose from. He mentioned there are a lot of people with expertise in the community that could help the CF reach decisions. He asked Ruth Anderson if by-laws or policy needs to be changed. *Ms. Anderson* explained the conditions of the current By-laws. The forum discussed if other people from outside the CF should help with the committees. *Ms. Anderson* stated the By-laws are not clear about allowing people not associated with the CF to help with committees and the By-laws will eventually have to be changed. Ruth was asked to name the committees - Extraordinary Events Committee, Neighborhood Project Fund Committee, Training Committee, and the Bus Tour Committee.

Wild Land Urban Interface

Celeste River explained what the Wild Lane Urban Interface is about. She stated there has not been much response to it.

New Business

Volunteer of the year award and vote

No quorum – no report

CF committee charged with creating an educational program and possible public relations campaign to address crime and violence in Missoula.

Greg Gullickson reported the neighborhoods are concerned with the violence and crime in neighborhoods. He suggested forming a group of citizens to do presentations that can be made available to different NCs. **Cryss Pinjuv** commented there is a group of citizens that is working on a project similar to what Mr. Gullickson is interested in. **Mr. Gullickson** stated he contacted the Police Department and he is interested in contacting this group to participate. **Jon Wilkins** stated there is a group that has been meeting every week at City Hall for approximately 5 weeks. **Sheila Mischke** asked Mr. Wilkins for a list of all the groups who are addressing this issue.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Monthly report to CC: No quorum—no report

Neighborhood Updates

Neighborhood updates were reported.

- Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Celeste reported there are CC initiated zoning changes and public hearings to change zoning from A to R1. There will be a public hearing at the Planning Board on March 7, 2006 and on March 27, 2006 the CC will have a public hearing. The citizens on Norman's Lane are seeking help about the utility meter pods that are placed along the sidewalk. The NC general meeting will be held April 19, 2006 at 7:00 PM. at UM Lewis & Clark Village Community Room.
- Southgate Triangle – Hans Christiansen reported their Leadership Team meeting will start at 6:30 PM. Rob Thames from the Parks and Rec. Dept. assured the grant money will be used in the parks in April. The NC general meeting in April will consist of By-law changes and new elections. The NC viewed the projector they received from Hewlett Packard for the Meth program.
- Moose Can Gully – Carson Robinson reported their Leadership Team meeting will be March 13, 2006 at Mr. Robinsons home at 7:00 PM. On March 20, 2006 they will have their NC annual meeting at Chief Charlo School at 7:00 and they invited a variety of speakers to come and speak. They want to get their NC involved in the proposed Hillview Way improvement project.
- Emma Dickinson – Mike Hathaway reported the Parks & Rec. presented a design and proposed a budget for the new park on LaFray Lane. The neighborhood accepted the design. They will be having a NC general meeting within 2 months.
- Franklin to the Fort – Cryss Pinjuv reported they had a NC general meeting last week and she was elected to CF. They had Leadership Team elections and there were 4 new Leadership Team members elected. They are working on their Infrastructure Plan and will be meeting in April or May. They are working on changing their neighborhood boundaries. Their Leadership Team meets the first Tuesday of every month at Bethel Baptist Church at 7:00 PM and the infrastructure Plan Steering Committee meets the second Thursday every month at the Bethel Baptist Church. They have a new item at their NC meetings where they have their CC member take 5 minutes and update the NC of pertinent things going on with the CC that involves the neighborhood.
- Lewis & Clark – Greg Gullickson reported their Leadership Team will be meeting next week to discuss their spring meeting.

- South 39th – Renee Mitchell reported Amber Blake attended their NC general meeting and is looking for public input for the public participation plan. They had a meeting Feb. 22, 2006 and discussed amendment proposals and will vote on this at their next meeting. Their NC supports the study of an alternative route from Hwy 93 and Dave Shaw from the Trail Planning System spoke about it at their meeting. Renee read a letter from Pat Tonkin donating property for the trail head.
- Riverfront – Sheila Mischke reported they are working with the Natural History Museum to have a family day that will promote the Natural History Center located by the ball park. The Missoula Osprey offered the neighborhood families to come to the ballpark and have a fun day with the Osprey ball players. They are working on a newsletter and plan on having a meeting this spring.
- City Council – Jon Wilkins reported a park located on High Park Way will be for sale. Attend the Growth Policy Plan meetings so you are familiarized with what is going to happen. Support NCs because they are a great way to get your voice heard. Jon states it is important to invite your CC person from your ward to every meeting as it works well.

Adjournment

Sheila: Adjourned the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam
Secretary
City Clerks Office