

Community Forum Meeting
Minutes
April 27, 2006
7:00 p.m.
Fire Station #4 Latimer St.
Moderator, Renee Mitchell

Moderator, Renee Mitchell began the meeting at 7:05 P.M. and took roll:

Emma Dickinson – Mike Hathaway (Rep)
Farviews/Pattee Canyon –Celeste River (Alt)
Franklin to the Fort – Cryss Pinjuv (Rep)
Grant Creek – Charlie MeKeal (Rep)
Heart of Missoula–Absent
Lewis & Clark– Greg Gullickson (Rep)
Lower Rattlesnake– Carol Elsen (Rep)
Miller Creek– Absent
Moose Can Gully – Mark Fitzgerald (Rep)
Northside – Absent
Westside – Absent
Riverfront – Absent
Rose Park – Alexandra Gorman (Rep)
South 39th– Renee Mitchell (Rep)
Southgate Triangle –Hans Christiansen (Rep)
University District – Kevin Blackler (Alt)
Upper Rattlesnake – Absent
City Council Liaison – Jon Wilkins
Neighborhood Liaison - Ruth Brennan Anderson

Others Present

Quorum

It was announced that a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda passed unanimously on a voice vote

Public Comment

Phil Smith Bicycle Pedestrian Program Manager for the City of Missoula. Mr. Smith endorses the concept of a coordinated city wide effort for a safe route for children to walk to school. He is asking to send one person as a representative to participate in this steering group. There are many organizations who have committed such as the Mayor, City Council, school board committee, hospitals, police dept., and many more organizations have committed and are meeting with others.

Seth McClain from Lewis & Clark Neighborhood Council stated the link to Cedar Mountain Data Designs has been removed from the Office of Neighborhoods web site www.missoula-neighborhoods.org. Mr. McClain stated he did not think it was a good idea to remove the link. He stated he thought the members of the CF should have the right to decide if they want to offset their operational expenses with advertisement from local businesses.

Renee Mitchell asked if Lewis & Clark neighborhood prints advertisements in their newsletter. Mr. McClain stated their neighborhood council mails three per year with advertisements printed in it. He stated they would not be able to send out three per year without the additional funding from the advertising and there are no political parties advertised; and the link on the website was not a political link.

Jon Wilkins stated he was the one that got the link removed. He stated there was a citizen's complaint and followed the link and found it went through a political organization. Mr. Wilkins stated there should not be advertisement on the City web links that the tax payers pay for.

Celeste River stated she supports the safe route program for children to walk safely to school. Ms. River stated she supports the NC meetings and stated they are important for the health and future of the community. She stated how the support process works.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of March 23, 2006 Ms. River amended to remove a sentence on page 5. The amended minutes reads Ms. River suggested asking the CC for extra funding for each NC. Page 7 - Ms. River amended and removed the CC had a hearing about the utility pods on Normans Lane. Hans Christiansen motioned to approve the minutes with the amendments from Ms. River. Charlie McKeal seconds the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote. None opposed.

Special Orders

None

Announcements

Ruth Anderson: The Community Forum budget is \$200.00. The small project balance is \$1,736.00.

There will be a Neighborhood Network meeting on May 4th from noon to 1:00 at the Press Box.

City Information

There are still a couple of days left of Bike Walk Bus Week. A calendar is available online at www.bikewalkbusmissoula.org

State Information

Montana State Historic Preservation Office has Rule Preservation brick and mortar grants. \$15,000.00 is available and three projects will receive \$5000.00 each as a reimbursement toward completed Historic rehabilitation projects. {Handout}

Office of Neighborhoods:

During the CC consideration of and deliberations on the budget, I will email reminders to NCLT members when the NC budget is up for discussion so that if you are interested you may attend.

Community Forum House Keeping:

Ruth asked for a moderator for June and future months.

The next CF meeting is June 22, 2006 at Fire Station #4, Latimer St. at 7:00 P.M.

Presentations

Bob Clark from the Sierra Club reported on Lolo Peak and the proposed Bitterroot Resort on Lolo Peak. Mr. Clark created a slide show of the resort and explained where buildings, roads and the ski area will be. He stated there is a natural resource area with rare trees growing on it and the ski resort and the research natural area cannot co-exist. Mr. Clark stated there was a land slide years ago and if there is more development it could cause more land slides. He stated the housing development with 2200 units will create more traffic and will interfere with elk and wildlife habitat. He stated there was an investigation and in Jan. 2006 a law suit was filed against the developer of the resort, for cutting down 400 trees that were rare and part of the natural resource area located in the wilderness area on Forest Service property. The developer also constructed several miles of roads without authority and permission. He mentioned the resort is not about skiing and the Forest Service conducted a need assessment and asked if skiing was needed in this area and the conclusion was no. He stated he can be reached for free presentations or more information at 549-1142 or bob.clark@sierraclub.org.

Amber Blake and Mike Kress from the Office of Planning and Grants spoke about the Urban Transportation Planning process. Ms. Blake stated who is involved for transportation planning process. She explained who the Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee is and what they do. She stated the department would like to see the public get involved and discuss what kind of transportation plans the public would like to see.

Mark Landkammer from OPG discussed Townhouse Development Standards and produced a draft. He stated a Planning Board meeting is May 16, and encouraged everyone to come and make comments. He produced a power point presentation which includes a summary of townhouse overview. He commented on single family and multi family planning zones to make nice developments. He discussed the criteria for townhouse and condominium construction. He stated OPG is encouraging townhouse and single family developments units and utilize smaller lots that already exist. He explained the Board of Appeals and Board of Adjustment and how they work. Mr. Landkammer stated OPG has studied other cities and reviewed their standards.

Committee Reports

Neighborhood Project Fund Committee:

Hans Christiansen stated there are three small project fund grant applications. The first one is for the Bus Tour and it helps pay for the Bus Tour, because CF doesn't have enough money to pay for it all. Mr. Christiansen motioned to approve the small project grant. Celeste River seconds the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote. None opposed.

Mr. Christiansen stated the second grant is for the Riverfront Neighborhood Council for the celebration of the Riverfront event. This is a project to promote their neighborhood. Mr. Christiansen motioned to accept this grant. Ms. River seconds the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote. None opposed.

Mr. Christiansen stated the third grant is for the Moose Can Gully newsletter costs. Mr. Christiansen motioned to approve the grant for Moose Can Gully. Mark Fitzgerald seconds the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote. None opposed.

Bus Tour Committee:

Celeste River stated the committee has met several times and decided the theme will be Missoula Revealed: "We like it here" and will take place May 25, at 5:00 p.m. She stated which neighborhoods will be visited on this tour and the rest will be visited on the next tour in Sept. She explained the cost and how the tour is funded. Greg Gullickson motioned to approve the committee's recommendation. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote. None opposed.

Training Committee:

Mr. Christiansen stated the purpose is to help any neighborhood with problems or questions. Mr. Christiansen and Ruth Anderson met with Heart of Missoula and there were only two people to build the NC back up. Ms. Anderson stated that she and Mr. Christiansen will be meeting with residents west of Home Depot and that would be creating a new NC. There is one person who is involved and has neighbors who are interested.

Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year Award Committee:

Renee Mitchell stated she organized a meeting for May 3, noon.

Unfinished Business

No report

New Business

A call for each NC and CF to create a list of accomplishments & activities to be presented to Local Government Study Commission and the press.

Ms. Mitchell there is support from CF and NC to submit projects and things that have happened in their neighborhoods that they support to better their neighborhood. She asked for a list of active people from the neighborhoods and Ms. Mitchell will call each of the reps. and discuss what to do.

CF discussion & vote on support of Grant Creek NC efforts in seeking funding for the Re-landscaping of the North Median Grant Creek I-90 Interchange.

Ms River stated she researched Grant Creek neighborhood fund project application. Ms. River wrote a resolution and read it to the CF. Charlie MeKeal commented the Grant Creek NC thanks Ms. River and everyone for all efforts and support. Mr. Christiansen motioned to accept the resolution and send it to the CC. Mr. Fitzgerald seconds the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote. One opposed.

Ongoing Business

Monthly report to the CC:

Mr. Christiansen reported to mention the Grant Creek Resolution project and a report on the Bus Tour. Mr. Gullickson motioned to report the action items and presentations to the CC. Mr. Christiansen seconds the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote. None opposed.

Neighborhood Updates

Neighborhood updates were reported.

- Moose Can Gully – Mark Fitzgerald no report
- Franklin to the Fort – Cryss Pinjuv reported Andrea Davis was elected the CF alternate
- Lewis and Clark – Greg Gullickson reported his neighborhood had their NC meeting and discussed the growth policy and the proposed a new UM book store by Albertsons on 39th St. They discussed the Duck Pond.
- Grant Creek – Charlie MeKeal reported there was a meeting April 26, and discussed a possible casino and truck stop at the opening of Grant Creek. The neighborhood opposed the casino and sales of hard liquor.
- Rose Park – Alexandra Gorman reported they had a meeting on April 5, and they are working on Mount and Plymouth intersection.
- Emma Dickinson – No report
- University District – Kevin Blackler reported there was a meeting and discussed the Arthur Configuration and some people liked it, some people did not and others didn't care.
- Southgate Triangle – Hans Christiansen reported they had their annual meeting April 12, and are interested with URD3. They are continuing their work with McLeod Park and Boyd Park.
- Farview/Pattee Canyon – Celeste River reported they had a general meeting on April 19, and had an election. One person is no longer on the NC and a new person joined the leadership team. Some people's terms that were expired had been elected again. Ms. River will be the new alternate and Ray Aten will be the new Rep. Ray Aten reported R-1 zoning has been instituted in the Farviews area A. They discussed the Highview Park issue. They discussed a new subdivision. There will be LT meeting on May 17 and a general meeting on June 7.
- South 39th – Renee Mitchell reported that their general meeting a rep. came and discussed the new UM book store going in by Albertsons. A rep. came and discussed the Hillview Way changes. A Search & Rescue rep. discussed the bond issue. Their by-laws were updated and passed.
- Lower Rattlesnake – no report
- City Council – Jon Wilkins reported he has been attending many NC meetings. He mentioned the Growth Policy Plan update.

Adjournment

Renee Mitchell: Adjourned the meeting at 10:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam

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City Clerks Office