

**Community Forum Meeting  
Minutes  
October 26, 2006  
6:00 p.m.  
Parks and Rec. "Currents" Facility (600 Cregg Ln.)  
Moderator, Hans Christiansen**

Moderator, Hans Christiansen began the meeting at 6:04 pm and took roll:

Emma Dickinson – Bill Earhart (Alt)  
Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten (Rep)  
Franklin to the Fort – Absent  
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 – Tom Theisen (Rep)  
Northside – Josh Decker (Alt)  
Riverfront – Sheila Mischke (Rep)  
Rose Park – Diana Garrett (Alt)  
South 39<sup>th</sup> – Jeff Stevens (Alt)  
Southgate Triangle – Hans Christiansen (Rep)  
University District – Absent  
Upper Rattlesnake – Absent  
Westside – Nicole Newman (Rep)  
City Council Liaison – Jon Wilkins  
Neighborhood Liaison – Nick Roberts

**Others Present**

Sid Graef, Katie Evans, and Jan Hoem - Upper Rattlesnake

**Quorum**

It was announced a quorum was present

**Adoption of Agenda**

It was not motioned

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for September 28, 2006. *Ray Aten* moved to approve the minutes. *Charlie Mekeal* seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed on a voice vote.

## **Special Orders**

No report

## **Announcements**

**Karen Orzech**, Justice of the Peace of Missoula County stated she is running for re-election on November 7<sup>th</sup>. She stated she has been with the Justice of the Peace for eight years and devoted to the community. She asked for support and vote for re-election.

**Nick Roberts** stated webpage instruction meetings are available and interested parties can contact him at the Office of Neighborhoods, 435 Ryman St.

He reminded the CF for feedback and ideas on changes regarding the newsletter.

Mr. Roberts stated he would like to e-mail the agenda packets to CF members the Friday prior to the Thursday meeting. The hardcopies will be mailed to NC and the Associations.

November 24, 2006 meeting falls on Thanksgiving and the meeting will be held Thursday, November 30, 2006 located at the City Council Chambers conference room 140 West Pine St. The CF meeting will be held Thursday, December 21, 2006 at the City Council Chambers conference room.

The Neighborhood Project Fund plan will consist of last year committee and this year committee to review and endorse the new application and decide on an application deadline.

**Sheila Mischke** announced she will not be representing the Riverfront Leadership Team and Community Forum due to lack of time.

## **Presentations**

**Jackie Corday**, Open Space Manager stated she is presenting the open space program. She explained the open space program began in 1995 and is important to the community for wildlife, recreation, water resources and rivers. She stated the new plan expanded into Butler Creek and Mullen Road farm land. She discussed maintaining and continuing the 1995 plan with a new Bond Initiative. The 1995 plan has been a city-wide bond and the new plan is a county-wide bond that is addressing farm lands and out-lying rural areas. She stated the county would form an Open Lands Advisory Committee (OLAC) and discussed conservation easements and what the farm land owners request. She stated the new bond improvement allows for weed treatment and clean-up. **Don Nicholson** stated the open space bond will create extra city expenses causing property tax increases. **Diana Garrett** asked how much will the new bond cost per house hold. **Ms. Corday** stated if the bond passes the cost will be approximately \$20.00 per house hold for a \$200,000 home on a 20 year bond.

## **Committee Reports**

No report

## **Unfinished Business**

A call for each N.C. and the C.F. to create a list of accomplishments & activities to be presented:

**Jeff Stevens** stated he is interested in receiving information regarding accomplishments in all neighborhoods and asked everyone to report anything they can. **Jon Wilkins** stated it is important for the public and City Council members to know what progress and accomplishments the neighborhoods are making.

Neighborhood Volunteer Award Committee:

**Mr. Stevens** stated suggested improvements have been discussed and approved. The suggestions are earlier organizing, deadline by end of March, require a meeting at the same location and the final report will be given to the Neighborhood Liaison.

## **New Business**

Discussion and possible adoption of Resolution pertaining to the Open Space Bond Initiative:

**Mr. Christiansen** stated the CFLT had a request for the Open Space Bond issue and the CFLT is requesting the CF to request NC's to support it. **Mr. Aten** stated the election is on November 7th and CF meets once a month and did not have enough time to discuss the Open Space Bond issue. He stated the by-laws states the CF should make recommendations to the city government on city wide issues. He translated language from ordinance #3312 By-laws and from the Open Space Resolution. **Mr. Wilkins** asked by passing the resolution are the CF members representing neighborhoods properly. **Mr. Gullickson** stated the resolution wasn't voted on in the neighborhoods first. **Carol Elsen** stated the resolution has not been discussed at the CF before. **Mr. Mekeal** stated there has not been enough community feedback to make a decision. **Mr. Aten** suggested the CF drop the vote on the resolution. **Mr. Ballas** stated the NC members assume CF representatives are the only representatives; the CF should be reporting information to the neighborhood councils.

**Ray Aten, Greg Gullickson** and **Hans Christiansen** agreed to withdraw the Open Space Resolution.

## **Ongoing business**

Adoption of November and December CF meeting dates:

**Mr. Christiansen** stated this issue has been discussed and agreed the CF will meet on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup>. **Greg Gullickson** moved. **Nichole Newman** seconded. None opposed. Motion passed on a voice vote

Safe Routes to School:

**Mr. Christiansen** stated the program has been getting more support from various groups and the purpose is to get more students to walk to school safely. It is an energy conservative issue to save on fuel and a health issue for children to get more exercise. He stated the program is asking for support of all neighborhoods to support the Safe Routes to School program.

Monthly report to CC:

**Mr. Wilkins** suggested the Open Space discussion; Safe Routes to School report and the changes with the CF meeting dates and locations. **Ray Aten** moved. **Greg Gullickson** seconded. None opposed. Motion passed on a voice.

Neighborhood Updates

Neighborhood updates were reported.

- Westside – Nicole Newman reported the NC will be meeting on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and will have elections.
- Lewis & Clark – Greg Gullickson reported their NC meeting was on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> and discussed Duck Pond issues and the positive impact on Splash Montana.
- Moose Can Gully – Tom Theisen reported on the Lolo Peak proposal and new elections.
- Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten reported no recent meetings and neighborhood is working with the University NC on a beatification project; with weed pulling at the pond on the corner of SW Higgins and Pattee Canyon.
- Emma Dickinson – Bill Earhart reported Russell St./3<sup>rd</sup> St. is having a meeting tonight at 6:00 pm. Homeward Charrette may buy the Liberty Lanes property and will be having a design charrette on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm and Saturday Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Broadway Inn conference center.
- South 39<sup>th</sup> – Jeff Stevens reported there were elections in September. The South 39<sup>th</sup> will combine their meeting with Moose Can Gully NC on November 2nd.
- Lower Rattlesnake – Carol Elsen Pass
- Northside – Josh Decker reported there will be a Northside/Westside NC meeting on Novemehr 1<sup>st</sup> at head start school and will be discussing property by the foot bridge.
- Rosepark – Diana Garrett reported the neighborhood is working on the Mount beautification project. The neighborhood will apply for a grant to extend the project. Rose Park had their fall meeting Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> and was well attended and there was discussion about the Nov. 7th elections.
- Upper Rattlesnake - ? reported there was a NC meeting on October 7th.
- Southgate Triangle - Hans Christiansen reported the NC had a meeting Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> and was well attended. They are working to recruit businesses to get involved with their neighborhood. Southgate Mall manager reported Mr. Lambros sent a message to the businesses asking them to take an interest in the neighborhoods.
- City Council – Jon Wilkins reported he has been attending most of the NC meetings and reminded everyone to include "Public Comment" on their agendas. He is impressed with the meetings and thanked everyone for a good job.

The November moderator will be Ray Aten.

**Adjournment**

**Hans Christiansen** Adjourned the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kelly Elam*

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Secretary

City Clerks Office

October 26, 2006