

**Community Forum Meeting
Minutes
December 21, 2006
7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
Moderator, Tom Thiesen**

Moderator, Tom Thiesen began the meeting at 7:03 pm and took roll:

Emma Dickinson – Mike Hathaway (Rep)
Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten (Rep)
Franklin to the Fort – Andrea Davis (Alt)
Grant Creek – Absent
Heart of Missoula – Absent
Lewis & Clark – Greg Gullickson (Rep)
Lower Rattlesnake – Absent
Miller Creek – Absent
Moose Can Gully – Tom Theisen (Rep)
Northside – Absent
Riverfront – Gwen Hoppe (Alt)
Rose Park – Alexandra Gorman (Rep)
South 39th – Renee Mitchell (Rep)
Southgate Triangle – Hans Christiansen (Rep)
University District – John Snivley (Rep)
Upper Rattlesnake – Absent
Westside – Absent
City Council Liaison – Jon Wilkins
Neighborhood Liaison – Nick Roberts

Others Present

Carol Flint

Quorum

It was announced a quorum was present

Adoption of Agenda

Greg Gullickson moved to adopt the agenda. **Hans Christiansen** seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Carol Flint from Southgate Triangle neighborhood spoke about the Flat Track Racing at the fairgrounds. She stated she cannot enjoy her back yard when there is a flat track racing event going on and she wrote to the Missoula County Fair Board with her complaint. She went to several areas around her neighborhood and asked neighbors if this issue concerns them. She stated she received 60 responses regarding noise intrusion. She stated if the event proceeds over the time limit; they get fined. She stated the flat trackers will monitor the noise and she

disagrees with the choice. She would prefer the Police Department Quality of Life Officer monitor the noise level. She stated the property is County property, but the racing event does not belong in the center of town. **Jon Wilkins** stated the County Commissioners need to respond to this issue. **Hans Christiansen** agrees and stated the racing community needs to be aware and needs assistance finding a new area that is more suitable. **Gwen Hoppe** stated the noise issue is a concern all over town. She deals with the ball park noise in her neighborhood. **Mr. Wilkins** stated the ball park noise comes from the announcer, which can be toned down and the flat track noise comes from the exhaust pipes, where nothing can be done to control the noise.

Approval of Minutes

Hans Christiansen moved to accept the minutes for November 30, 2006 with the amendment that Jan Hoem and Nicole Newman will be serving on the City Council Responsiveness Committee. **Greg Gullickson** seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Announcements

Nick Roberts stated the applications and instructions are available for the Neighborhood Project Funds and can be found on the Office of Neighborhoods website. Hard copies are available and can be picked up at the office. A pre application workshop will be available on January 9, 2007 at 5:30 pm located in the City Council Chambers. The deadline for the applications is January 19, 2007.

He reminded everyone to send the NC, NCLT and election meeting schedules to the Office of Neighborhoods so they can be published in the Missoulian for public notice.

Mr. Roberts is asking for everyone to pick a month for 2007 and sign up to be the moderator for the Community Forum meetings.

Mr. Roberts announced he will be leaving the Office of Neighborhoods Liaison position. He will be working through the month of January. He stated he will be writing a letter to CC to indicate there is too much work for a part time position. **Mr. Wilkins** stated a full time position needs to be addressed at the 2007 budget committee. It is an important position to our neighborhoods and it needs to be full time. **Ray Aten** stated Nick has done a great job and thanked him for all his efforts. **Hans Christiansen** stated this issue cannot wait until budget time and needs to be addressed soon. The CF discussed funding for a full time Liaison.

Presentations

No Presentations

Committee Reports

Extraordinary Events Committee (Ogren Park at Allegiance Field): Ellie Hill

No Report

Neighborhood Council Boundary Change Committee: Hans Christiansen

Mr. Christiansen stated they are still discussing issues and are preparing a list to present to the CF for discussion. **Mr. Aten** discussed ordinance #3312 (Neighborhood Council Boundary Changes) Section 3. Section 1.18.030 Authority - Section C and D and he discussed Section 8. Section 1.18.080 Responsibilities of the city - Section F. There was discussion regarding annexation and the ordinance. **Mr. Aten** asked the forum for comments on the ordinance draft.

City Council Responsiveness Committee: Hans Christiansen

Mr. Christiansen stated the committee has ideas and questions for the City Council and he asked for other comments. **Mr. Wilkins** suggested asking CC for a full time Liaison and he will make a referral to them. The forum discussed establishing a relationship with the City Council. **Mr. Wilkins** reminded the forum what the Committee of the Whole (COW) is about. He stated the CC has a meeting and each member reports from the committee they are a member of. **Mr. Aten** suggested inviting the CF to the COW meetings. The forum discussed COW meetings. **Mr. Roberts** stated the Communications Committee has a meeting scheduled for January 22, 2007 at 6:00 pm located in the City Council Conference Room, 140 W. Spruce St. **Mr. Wilkins** suggested the Community Forum Communications Committee consider attending a COW meeting.

Unfinished Business

A call for each N.C. and the C.F. to create a list of accomplishments and activities: Renee Mitchell

Renee Mitchell asked for their neighborhood list of accomplishments. Franklin to the Fort submitted their list to Mr. Roberts and he will forward it to Ms. Mitchell. **Mr. Aten** suggested setting another deadline for neighborhood accomplishment submittals. He suggested contacting the leadership teams to get ideas of what to report to the City Council. **Ms. Mitchell** suggested a deadline for Monday, January 22, 2007. **Mr. Roberts** asked the forum to inform him the names of their NCLT members.

New Business

2007 Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year process: Renee Mitchell

Ms. Mitchell explained the purpose of the Volunteer of the Year Award. She reviewed past years events and how they chose and ranked the recipients. She stated a new committee needs to be formed and applications need to meet the April 2007 deadline. **Mr. Roberts** asked for volunteers that are interested to be on the committee and plan a timeline. **Mr. Christiansen** stated the committee has to be made up of CF members. Mike Hathaway and Renee Mitchell volunteered for the committee.

Ongoing business

Monthly report to CC:

The forum agreed to report the public comment regarding flat track racing noise, Mr. Roberts resigning from the Office of Neighborhoods, Neighborhood Projects Funds are available and Boundary Change Committee is working on the draft.

Neighborhood Updates

- Southgate Triangle - **Hans Christiansen** reported the Leadership Team meeting was cancelled due to unavailability. The next meeting will be Jan. 10th and will discuss the Flat Track Racing noise issue and will get a report from Parks & Rec. on the neighborhood park progress last summer.
- Emma Dickinson – Mike Hathaway reported the Leadership Team will meet after the new year.
- Franklin to Fort – **Andrea Davis** reported they are constructing a newsletter and are planning a NC meeting in February. There is a committee working on traffic control due to several auto accidents in their neighborhood.
- Lewis & Clark – **Greg Gullickson** reported the South Campus Master Plan Committee will be meeting every other Monday starting Jan. 8th from 3:00 to 5:00 at the Lewis & Clark Community Center.
- Moose Can Gully – **Tom Thiesen** – No report
- South 39th – **Renee Mitchell** reported their Leadership Team met on Dec. 12th and will meet in Jan. to make an agenda for the NC meeting.
- Rose Park – **Alexandrea Gorman** reported the Triangle Park located at Mount and Plymouth has a lot of stuff happening and she encouraged everyone to drive by and look at it. The Leadership Team met and is organizing their priorities.
- University District – **John Snivley** reported the Leadership Team met on Dec. 4th and will be planning a NC meeting in January.
- Farviews/Pattee Canyon – **Ray Aten** reported their Leadership Team met and two members went to the Master Plan Committee meeting and will be reporting back. They are working on a list for their neighborhood accomplishments.
- City Council – **Jon Wilkins** reported the City Council will be discussing a zoning issue on Duncan Drive in the Rattlesnake. He suggested each NC invite their City Council person to the NC meetings. He reminded everyone to write their minutes and turn them in to the Office of Neighborhoods. He wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Thiesen suggested each neighborhood create a binder with the neighborhoods relevant documents and happenings; the binder will be passed on to benefit new people taking over positions.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam

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Secretary

City Clerks Office