

**Community Forum Meeting
Minutes
January 25, 2007
7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
Moderator, Renee Mitchell**

Moderator, Renee Mitchell began the meeting at 7:00 pm and took roll:

Emma Dickinson – Mike Hathaway (Rep)
Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten (Rep)
Franklin to the Fort – Andrea Davis (Alt)
Grant Creek – Brian Walter (Alt)
Heart of Missoula – Ellie Hill (Rep)
Lewis & Clark – Greg Gullickson (Rep)
Lower Rattlesnake – Carol Elsen (Rep)
Miller Creek – Absent
Moose Can Gully – Absent
Northside – Absent
Riverfront – Absent
Rose Park – Diana Garrett (Alt)
South 39th – Renee Mitchell (Rep)
Southgate Triangle – Hans Christiansen (Rep)
University District – John Snively (Rep)
Upper Rattlesnake – Sid Graef (Alt)
Westside – Nicole Newman (Rep)
City Council Liaison – Jon Wilkins
Neighborhood Liaison – Nick Roberts

Others Present

Doug Grimm

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

None

Approval of Minutes

Hans Christiansen moved to accept the minutes for November 30, 2006 with the correction of spelling for the last name John Snively. *Greg Gullickson* seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Announcements

Nick Roberts stated he has budget reports and passed to the forum for viewing.

He stated he received six applications for the Neighborhood Project Fund (NPF). The NPF committee will view the applications to consider and rate them. The CF will meet February 22, 2007 to discuss applications and the CF will make recommendations to the City Council.

He reminded the forum to send in minutes from previous meetings to the Office of Neighborhoods for file.

He asked for updated contact information.

Mr. Roberts discussed neighborhood population and extra funding for sending mailings. The committee discussed neighborhood population and the cost of mailings.

He stated the Office of Neighborhoods Liaison position has been approved to be discussed at the City Council meeting on February 5, 2007. He thanked Jon Wilkins for his efforts on helping the position become full time.

Presentations

None

Committee Reports

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

No Report

Neighborhood Council Boundary Change Committee: Hans Christiansen

Mr. Christiansen stated there is disagreement within the Franklin to the Fort NC on where to divide the neighborhood boundaries. *Mr. Roberts* discussed new neighborhoods that will be annexed into the city. *Andrea Davis* stated she did not attend any early boundary committee meetings and was unaware that the committee was formed in response to Franklin to the Fort's intention of subdividing. She stated Franklin to the Fort neighborhood is so large they do not have enough funding to do one printing for a newsletter. She stated in the past they used community service people to deliver their mailings. She also noted that the boundary committee has struggled with how to deal with annexed properties and should seek further guidance from City staff on the current process. *Jon Wilkins* added that the committee has served and should continue to serve as a committee that evaluates how all NC's can/should subdivide, including any recommended procedural guidance that may assist in this process. He believes the boundary committee might have bitten off more than it can chew in attempting to address existing boundary changes along with boundary issues for new annexations at one time.

Secondarily, with regard to current NC by-laws, **Mr. Wilkins** offered that all NC's should review and likely revise their by-laws as recent legislative changes dictate that only individual residents will now be authorized to serve as NC members (excluding prior authorized organizational membership). Furthermore, he suggested that each neighborhood should send further by-laws changes to **Mr. Roberts**, who will forward them on to Jim Nugent, City Attorney for approval.

City Council Communications Committee: Hans Christiansen

Ray Aten presented to the committee notes on suggested format and content of meeting with Committee of the Whole.

(Tape inaudible)

Unfinished Business

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

Ms. Mitchell stated she has received three reports from neighborhoods regarding improvements.

New Business

None

Ongoing business

Monthly report to CC:

The forum agreed to report future meeting with City Council's Committee of the Whole, discussion with boundary changes (including concerns with annexation and necessary by-law changes). **Hans Christiansen** asked if CF would support the concern of Flat Track racing noise at the County Fairgrounds and put this issue on the report to CC. **Ray Aten** moved to include all other report items except the Flat Track racing issue in the monthly report to CC due to lack of discussion at this meeting. **John Snively** seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Neighborhood Updates

- Franklin to Fort – **Andrea Davis** reported a neighborhood Council meeting will be February 27th at Pope John Paul 23rd on Eaton St.
- Southgate Triangle – **Hans Christiansen** reported they will be having a leadership team meeting on Feb. 14th located at Southgate Mall meeting room at 7:00 pm.
- Lower Rattlesnake – Pass
- Upper Rattlesnake – **Sid Graef** reported new by-laws and Duncan Dr. issue (inaudible)
- Lewis & Clark – **Greg Gullickson** reported they are working on the south campus master plan and will discuss it at their next meeting on Feb. 5th.
- Rose Park – **Diana Garrett** reported the Leadership Team met and will meet again in the spring.
- Emma Dickinson – No Report
- Grant Creek – **Brian Walter** reported updates on the new Grant Creek Trail and organizing a non-profit association. Major fuel reduction effort. Survey's to households regarding meeting issues.

- Westside – **Nicole Newman** reported West Broadway Charette process and Northside/Westside has been taken into consideration. Traffic calming application for Phillips St. The neighborhood has been rallying behind the Missoula Community Co-op as they are trying to increase their membership.
- University District – **John Snively** reported their NC will be meeting in February (date unknown at this time).
- Heart of Missoula - **Ellie Hill** gave her updated email address and reported MRA has created the downtown master plan; Historic Preservation Commission is about half way through and will be complete in May; they are applying for a NPF grant to continue with the Gateway project.
- Farviews/Pattee Canyon – **Ray Aten** reported the next Leadership Team meeting will be held on January 31st to prep for their NC meeting and will discuss Flat Track Racing noise issue.
- South 39th – **Renee Mitchell** will be meeting on March 13th at 7:00 located in the Meadow Hill school multipurpose room.
- City Council – **Jon Wilkins** reported on gambling establishments. Fox Theater site civic center/hotel complex, builders asked CC to hold the land for 30 months for them to raise funding. They are discussing new bond rates at 3%. February 5, 2007 the CC will be voting on the full time Liaison position.

Ray Aten will be moderating February 22, 2007 meeting.

Doug Grimm, Upper Rattlesnake asked the forum for mailing suggestions and explained how the neighborhood has been distributing mailings.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam

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