

**Community Forum Meeting
Minutes
February 22, 2007
7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
Moderator, Ray Aten**

Moderator, Ray Aten began the meeting at 7:05 pm and took roll:

Emma Dickinson – Mike Hathaway (Rep)
Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten (Rep)
Franklin to the Fort – Absent
Grant Creek – Brian Walter (Alt)
Heart of Missoula – Absent
Lewis & Clark – Seth McClain (Alt)
Lower Rattlesnake – Carol Elsen (Rep)
Miller Creek – Absent
Moose Can Gully – Tom Theisen (Rep)
Northside – Absent
Riverfront – Melissa Schmidt
Rose Park – Alexandra Gorman (Rep)
South 39th – Jeff Stevens (Alt)
Southgate Triangle – Hans Christiansen (Rep)
University District – Absent
Upper Rattlesnake – Sid Graef (Alt)
Westside – Absent
City Council Liaison – Jon Wilkins
Neighborhood Liaison – Nick Roberts

Others Present

Bruce Bender, Laval Means, Taylor Cook, Dale Clark

Quorum

It was announced a quorum was present

Adoption of Agenda

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

Public Comment

Bruce Bender, Chief Administrative Officer presented a new street sweeping schedule and stated it will be implemented. In recent years there has been excessive sweeping in the winter months; approximately 3000 hours and three additional sweepings in the summer months. He stated there is a decline on debris in the low volume residential streets. He stated the city is proposing to eliminate sweeping in August and September. This would lessen 1000 hours that can be applied to street maintenance for chip sealing.

Ms. Gorman asked if there has been an analysis made.

Mr. Bender stated they have researched and monitored all areas of the city.

Jeff Stevens asked if sand will be used at intersections in the winter.

Dale Clark, Street Division stated some areas are designated for de-icer and there are areas that will remain designated for sand.

Mr. Bender stated there is a product that looks like sand, but melts; the product is very expensive and there are concerns regarding the city's water quality when using it.

Brian Walter stated there are more conservative sanding strategies.

Laval Means, Office of Planning and Grants (OPG) announced the Planning Board will be holding a public hearing on the second phase of City Subdivision Regulations Revisions on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. located in the City Council Chambers. OPG has been working on updating subdivision regulations in response to past state law. The city's regulations parallel County regulations. The purpose of the second phase is to address areas that were not completed from the first phase. She stated they are responding to County, State, Health Department, Engineering Department and Fire Department revisions. She stated there is a new draft and within the next few months they will gather comments from Neighborhoods. She is available to present presentations at Neighborhood Council meetings. She stated there is hard copy material information available, and gave the website address. www.co.missoula.mt.us (OPG website)

Nick Roberts will link the draft on the neighborhood web page.

Mr. Walter stated he is a concerned citizen regarding gambling levels in Missoula. He gave statistics on how much money is spent in Missoula County. He stated gambling causes social problems and family issues and suggested gambling casinos be controlled.

Mr. Walter stated there are 5 blocks on the eastside of the Millsite that is designated for mixed use. He stated the mixed blocks consist of gambling casinos that serve alcohol, apartments and offices. He is concerned with gambling establishments in neighborhoods and close to the city parks. **Jon Wilkins** stated if anyone is interested, the issue will be discussed in committee.

Approval of Minutes

Hans Christiansen moved to accept the minutes for January 25, 2007. **Mike Hathaway** seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Announcements

Nick Roberts stated there is a meeting correction on the Neighborhood meeting calendar. The University District neighborhood council rescheduled for March 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Paxson Elementary school cafeteria.

Mr. Roberts explained a handout regarding \$10,000 supplemental NC mailing money.

He reminded everyone to send their information regarding elections, meeting dates and all other information to him for file.

Committee Reports

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

No Report

Neighborhood Council Boundary Change Committee: Hans Christiansen

Mr. Christiansen stated the Neighborhood Boundary Change Committee has not met and suggested a meeting after the first of the month to focus on recommendations for the existing neighborhoods.

City Council Communications Committee: Ray Aten

Mr. Aten stated that on Monday, February 26th at 6:00 p.m. the Community Forum Representatives will meet with the City Council Committee of the Whole. Discussion will be focused on the relationship between City Council and Community Forum.

Unfinished Business

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

No report

Distribution plan for \$10,000 (N.C. mailings from City Council) Greg Gullickson

Mr. Roberts stated there should be a formal vote on how to distribute the funds as there is little time to spend it. The deadline for unused funding is June 30, 2007. The funds can be used for mailings, surveys, evaluations, notices for other public meetings.

Mr. Aten motioned the following: the \$10,000 be distributed on a per capita basis; if a NC does not intend to use the money, the Neighborhood Liaison should be notified, at which time he may allocate remaining funds to other Neighborhood Councils at his discretion. **Carol Elsen** moved the motion. **Mr. Christiansen** seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Pending NPF Small grant applications – Hans Christiansen

Mr. Christiansen stated there are three pending small grant applications and they are not requests for what he considers neighborhood projects. **Mr. Roberts** summarized the grants. **Jeff Stevens** discussed a requested grant to purchase paint for the Anti-Graffiti Task Force. There was discussion regarding the Anti-Graffiti Task Force. **Tom Theisen** motioned to approve this grant. **Sid Graef** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Mr. Stevens** abstains due to conflict of interest.

Mr. Roberts summarized a small grant from the Missoula Head Start to supplement a book fair program that will be implemented in March. It is in conjunction with Literacy Awareness Month. The supplement will allow Head Start children to receive free books at the book fair. **Mike Hathaway** motioned to approve the grant. **Mr. Theisen** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Aten stated Moose Can Gully neighborhood is asking for a small grant to improve the quality of life by their residence. The money will be used for a newsletter to announce the semi-annual NC meeting agenda and discuss the issue; he requested their attendance and participation.

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Mr. Graef motioned to disapprove this grant. *Mr. Walter* seconded the vote. There was discussion. *Mr. Walter* withdrew the seconded vote. Motion failed.

Mr. Stevens suggested Missoula Correctional Services deliver neighborhood newsletters, because distributions are free. The forum discussed Moose Can Gully's small grant request. *Mr. Theisen* motioned to approve the small grant to be used for newsletter mailings. *Mr. Christiansen* seconded the motion. *Seth McClain* abstained. Motion passed.

Pending NPF Large Grants applications – Hans Christiansen

Mr. Aten stated there were six large grant applications submitted. He read the NPF project summaries that were considered by the NPF review committee.

Garden City Harvest/PEAS Farm Live Fence Project A proposal to beautify the east side of the garden City Harvest/PEAS Farm.

The committee recommended approval.

The Gateway Project – A proposal to address safety concerns for bike/ped traffic in the “Greenough Corridor” a focus area encompassing Vine St., Madison Ave. and Spruce St.

The committee recommended approval.

Mount Sentinel/Southside Field Refurbishment - A proposal to refurbish significant pieces of Mount Sentinel/Southside Little League baseball fields #2 and #6, located at Playfair Park.

The committee recommended approval.

Farviews/Pattee Canyon Neighborhood parks System Study – A proposal to hire a professional consultant to assess a need for parks/open space improvements in the Farviews/Pattee Canyon neighborhood. The committee recommended approval.

Slant Street Gateway – Phase II – A proposal to plan a vibrant community space in the eastern triangular asphalt expanse at the intersection of Mount Ave. and Plymouth St. The committee did not recommend approval.

Westside Neighborhood Mural Project – A proposal to a resident-led initiative to develop a large scale public mural on the site of 1500 Burns St. The committee recommended approval.

The forum discussed last year's projects, new projects and left over funds from the project fund.

The forum discussed 2006 Slant St. Gateway project to approve their 2007 Phase II large grant. They discussed stipulations regarding the new funding.

Mr. Thiesen motioned to approve all of the requested funds with stipulations. *Mr. Stevens* seconded the motion. Discussion – The stipulations discussed includes funding be used for items specified in the grant proposal and a deadline to be set to use funds. *Mr. Christiansen* suggested the Slant St. Project Phase I be finished before Phase II is started. The forum agreed with a friendly amendment. Motion passed on a voice vote: **9 in favor, 1 opposed.**

Formation of new committee to review the full-time Neighborhood Liaison's scope of work - Mike Hathaway

Mr. Hathaway stated the CFLT is proposing to form a new committee to explore new opportunities for making the Liaison position full time. He suggested CF make recommendations on how to utilize the full time Liaison proficiently. **Mr. Christiansen** motioned to form a committee. **Mr. Theisen** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ongoing business

Monthly report to CC:

Mr. Aten stated the reports will include public comment, distribution mailing funds per capita, approval of small project grants, approval of the large grants and formation of a committee to review the Liaison's scope of work. **Ms. Elsen** motioned to approve the monthly report. **Mr. Christiansen** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Neighborhood Updates

- Rose Park – **Alexandrea Gorman** reported their leadership team will meet approximately in two weeks. They have been working on a guide regarding creating a community meeting.
- Lewis & Clark – No report.
- Emma Dickinson – **Mike Hathaway** No report
- South 39th – **Jeff Stevens** reported their NC will be meeting on March 13th at Meadow Hill School at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.
- Moose Can Gully – **Tom Theisen** reported they will be holding elections for the leadership team and Carson Robinson will be setting a date.
- Farviews/Pattee Canyon – **Ray Aten** reported they had a leadership team meeting and discussed a NC meeting on April 18th.
- Riverfront – **Melissa Schmidt** reported the leadership team met with WGM Group for the Millsite regarding building heights, traffic issues and neighborhood issues.
- Lower Rattlesnake – **Carol Elsen** reported there has been cleanup on the medians on Van Buren St. and the Gateway project entering the Rattlesnake has been completed. They will be scheduling a spring meeting.
- Southgate Triangle – **Hans Christiansen** reported they had a leadership team meeting and met with the Fair Board and discussed the Flat Track Racing noise issue.
- Upper Rattlesnake – No report
- Grant Creek – **Brian Walter** reported on the fuel reduction in the Grant Creek. The Grant Creek Trails Association will be meeting Tuesday, March 27th and will vote on by-laws. They filed their CIP request with the city regarding the trail that is part city/county.
- City Council – **Jon Wilkins** – reported the Design Review Board needs applicants to serve on the board and explained the board's duties. He stated the Fox Site Theater is asking for a 30 month extension. The deadline to run for City Council is April.

Andrea Davis will be moderating the next meeting on March 22, 2007.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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