

**Community Forum Meeting
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2009
7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers
Moderator, Kim Brown Campbell**

Captain John Mullan – Absent
Emma Dickinson –Absent
Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten (Rep)
Franklin to the Fort – Mike Greathouse (Alt)
Grant Creek – Absent
Heart of Missoula –Bill Flanery (Rep), Kim Brown Campbell (Alt)
Lewis & Clark – Greg Gullickson (Rep)
Lower Rattlesnake – Absent
Miller Creek – Absent
Moose Can Gully – Lyle Geurts (Rep)
Northside –Absent
Riverfront – Absent
Rose Park – Absent
South 39th – Absent
Southgate Triangle – Hans Christiansen (Rep)
University District – John Firehammer (Rep)
Upper Rattlesnake – Don Sims (Alt)
Westside – Debbie Saylor (Alt)
City Council Liaison – Jon Wilkins
Neighborhood Liaison –Erin Scott

Others Present

William Evans

Quorum

Quorum is present.

***Adoption of Agenda** (items from consent agenda can be moved to committee reports by any CF rep as deemed necessary at this time). **Mr. Aten** moved to adopt, **Mr. Gullickson** seconded. All in favor.

***Approval of CF Minutes**

Approve meeting minutes from August 27, 2009. **Unidentified person** motioned, **unidentified person seconded** all voted in favor of approving.

Public Comment (non-agenda items from audience)

None

Neighborhood Liaison Report – Erin Scott

Erin reported that she attended a gardening night in the Franklin to Fort neighborhood pocket park which will be part of the bus tour; Mr. Salmonson is going to take me on a neighborhood sidewalk tour. Mr. Aten and I tabled at Saturday Market on Higgins asking people what they loved about Missoula and as an opportunity to educate about Community Forum, Office of Neighborhoods, and advertise the bus tour-it was a fun day. She also attended the university area ice cream social, there was interest in the City Guide to Offices booklet, kids colored on a flip chart, got a picture of Monte behind the Office of Neighborhoods sign.

It is good to get out in the community; if there are any events you want me to advertise for this group or attend let me know.

There are a couple trainings coming up by Maxine Jacobsen. Thursday October 1, 9am-4pm **Facilitating Effective Meetings**. Cost is \$100 of which NC general budgets can be utilized for 'training opportunities'.

The other training session is Wednesday October 14, 9am-4pm & Thursday October 15, 9am-noon.

Building Evaluation Capacity for non-profit organizations and includes a guide book, brown bag lunch and is \$150. Erin will be attending and can bring some education back for those interested.

Committee Reports

Bus Tour Committee, September Bus Tour-Hans Christiansen

Goal is to fill the bus-there are nine seats available! The meeting place will be at the Franklin Park shelter, corner of 10th/Kemp. Will meet at 9:00 am for coffee and bagels, leave at 9:30 am and return at 12:30 pm for pizza/salad lunch. If anyone wants to sign up, here is the sheet. Mr. Wilkins indicated he will be on the tour.

Neighborhood Project Fund Committee for 2010-Erin Scott

Pre-application workshop took place last Wednesday, Donna Gaukler from Parks and Rec and Doug Harby in City Engineering generously attended to answer questions. Twelve people attended with a variety of interests and projects from seven neighborhoods were represented. There was a typo on page 9: projects that can be finished by December 2009 get weighted more highly...it should be December 2010. The application deadline is 5 pm Monday September 28.

Ongoing Business

Neighborhood Council Updates

- **Heart of Missoula**—had our general meeting two weeks ago, it was well attended and had good discussion of where to focus energy on the project grant fund application. Had good presenters on the Historic Preservation Ordinance and Public Works staff answered questions and provided project updates, Safe Routes to Schools, and the issue of aging trees and how to work with the urban forester on that was discussed.
- **Southgate Triangle**—will have a general meeting Wednesday, October 14th, at the Southgate Mall Community Room 7-9 pm. We hope to introduce the new liaison, have a candidate forum, leadership team elections for treasurer and chairman.
- **Moose Can Gully**—nothing new to report.
- **Westside**—nothing new to report.
- **Lewis & Clark**—nothing new to report.
- **Farviews/Pattee Canyon**—nothing new to report.
- **University**—will have a general meeting October 13, 7pm at Paxson School in the cafeteria. Hoping to talk about urban forestry and get an update on 5th/6th streets project by the University.
- **Upper Rattlesnake**—a general meeting will be held next Thursday at 7pm at the Messiah Lutheran Church, corner of Rattlesnake and Lincoln Wood.
- **Franklin to Fort**—at recent meeting had presentation on animals at large by Chief Muir and animal control officer. There have been numerous reports and the idea of how to extend the idea of Neighborhood Watch to include animals at large and got an outline idea of how the concept is developed and applied. People are having issue with dogs attacking their dogs while out walking. Revisiting traffic calming on Garfield; has become an arterial and looking at ways of keeping it a residential street. Sidewalks are always ongoing issue in the neighborhood.
- **Lewis & Clark**—a group is forming to do some improvements on the playground at the grade school and have asked for NC involvement, Greg Gullickson will be participating in that project.

City Council Liaison Update-Jon Wilkins

Remember to invite your council reps to your NC meetings with a question & answer session. The trail lawsuit in east Missoula with the Terrace subdivisions 1 & 2; didn't want to put in a trail in the 1st subdivision request, but are looking at putting it in the 2nd subdivision, so are requesting to look at and approve request 2 first so it will take care of the requirement in the first application. That may come up at next council meeting. Zoning Rewrite is coming to a vote in this next month; the associated lawsuit filed the Judge indicates to rule by October 5th if the proper procedures were followed in this rewrite. Comments are still being accepted. Discussion ensued about the process and people's opinions. Jon indicated it is important to let council know your public comment, it is not only what comes out of committee that counts; things can change by the time council hears it. Comments can be submitted via email; don't have to attend meetings. If you don't have email, you can request City Clerk Staff to post one to City Council for you. Can view documents and recent revisions at www.zoningmissoula.com

The Higgins Ave/Front St. corner is going to be commemorated with a plaque denoting it as the place where "Free Speech Movement" started. People used to 'get on a soapbox' and say what they had to say. At that time it was not favored and they would be arrested as disturbing the peace. Folks came from far and wide and ended up in filling up the jail; therefore the City and its governing body decided to allow free speech and it was not an offense any longer. This movement moved to Spokane and Seattle Washington, and then became nation-wide. Look for that announcement of the dedication date and time.

Strategic Planning Session

This session is being held to adopt a mission statement, choose two goals and objectives by majority selection.

Mission Statement: To cultivate and enrich an informed citizenry that actively participates in the governance of Missoula.

Goals:

- 1) To strengthen neighborhood participation in City governance where such participation exists.
- 2) To encourage and support neighborhood participation in City governance where it does not yet exist.
- 3) To provide a structure for increased citizen participation in the governance of the City.
- 4) To build cooperation and improved communication between citizens and City officials.
- 5) To provide an arena for Neighborhood Councils to come together, share information, and make recommendations to the City government on neighborhood or citywide issues.
- 6) To build and create opportunities for neighborhood communication, neighborhood-initiated projects, interaction, and problem-solving.

Mr. Aten motioned to adopt the mission statement and the goals. **Mr. Sims** seconded, all in favor.

Strategic Planning Process

I) Prioritize 2 Goals

- a. Each person voted for their top 2 goals for next year

- i. Goals are outlined on flip-charts. Each person got 2 dots to place on their 2 priority goals.
- ii. 2 goals are decided upon by majority of group
 - 1. All other goals are not "lost" but rather can be part of a long-term strategic plan
 - 2. If we accomplish our top 2 goals quickly, we will reevaluate

b. 2 Goals → 1 Objective

- i. Each person got 2 post-it notes (1 objective for 1 goal)
 - 1. Group wrote down two priority objectives, one for each goal & stuck it under the goal.
 - 2. Leadership team & Neighborhood Liaison combine common objectives with agreement from the group and wrote objectives on paper.
 - 3. Group voted (by dot) for their priority objective for each goal.
 - 4. Nice job! We have prioritized our goals & two objectives for the next year!

Priority Goals and Objects

Goal 2: To encourage and support neighborhood participation in City governance where it does not yet exist.

Objective: (How are we going to get there?)

- More media focus
- To be visible in communities through media outlets such as websites, newspaper, letters to the editor, interviews on television as well as be visible in physical sense through tabling at neighborhood hot spots.
- Get media to provide information on Neighborhood Councils and Community Forum
- announcements on major/all stations (corporate/non-profit/public access) tv/radio (list of those that have PSA boards and process to be included)
- newspapers: *Missoulian/Independent/Kaimin* *get dedicated section Neighborhood News

Goal 6: To build and create opportunities for neighborhood communication, neighborhood-initiated projects, interaction, and problem-solving.

Objective: (How are we going to get there?)

- Neighborhood specific email and or mailing list.
- In addition create a "template" for how to contact neighbors.

It was decided to dedicate a large portion of the next meeting to come up with action items on how to achieve the goals.

Final Business

*Monthly report to City Council – Request to report on non-agenda items

(The monthly report to City Council will be made by the moderator of the meeting. The report made will address all items on the Community Forum agenda for the month. A request for reporting on non-agenda items will occur at Community Forum to ensure pertinent non-agenda are reported as well).

Ms. Campbell Brown who would normally do the report will be out of town during the next council meeting. **Erin Scott** is planning on attending the next council meeting anyway and will present the monthly report.

All in favor of her presenting what was discussed tonight.

The next CF meeting moderator will be **Ms. Snodgrass.**

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ross

Christine Ross
Secretary, Office of Neighborhoods

*Copies of any handouts and referenced documents at this meeting are on file in the City Clerk's Office