

October 1, 2025

5:30pm Lewis & Clark Elementary School Library 2901 Park St, Missoula, MT 59801

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1. Roll Call: Terry Conner, Colleen Biehl, Kathleen Hanson, Eric Warren, Claire Battaglia  
A forum was established.

3. Presentations: a. None.

Lewis & Clark Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Agenda

4. Treasurer's Report- Colleen Biehl - no report

5. Items to be Discussed

a. General Meeting Review

a. Neighborhood Concerns Poster Feedback - see attached

Feedback Poster was reviewed by the team members. We felt we could help with the following:

\* It was decided that we would pursue looking into replacement art on the Splash Montana Utility Box on Bancroft and Pattee Canyon Drive. Terry Conner will check with the Office of the Neighborhood on beginning this process. Possible grant.

\* We will pursue checking into additional playground equipment at Playfair Park. Kathleen Hanson will contact the Office of the Neighborhoods to see how to begin this project. Possible grant.

\* See note from Mike Nugent attached

b. Begin Plans for 2026 - Possible change of date was discussed - check to see if "streets" has a date for 2026 and other neighborhood meetings. Need to work out the kinks in distributing door hangers and amount.

c. Presenters for meetings: John Knight from the fairgrounds in November

Jack from MCLAC in December

No meeting in January

February, March, April and May to be filled.

6. Community Forum Report- Eric Warren attended the meeting and came back with lots of information from the presenters: 1. Downtown SAM (Safety, Access Mobility) Check out at [Engagedmissoula.com/downtown-safety-access-mobility](https://engagedmissoula.com/downtown-safety-access-mobility) project, 2. MPO (Missoula Metropolitan Organization - Help Plan Missoula's Transportation Future, check out at [MissoulaMPO.com/participate](https://missoulampo.com/participate) and 3. Missoula County Local Advisory Council on Behavioral Health (MCLAC) Energize your Neighborhood Grants have been increased to \$3, 500.

7. Missoula Neighborhoods Report- Melissa/Kalina

a. Candidate Forums- October 2nd, 7pm Wards 3 & 4, Mayoral Oct. 21 at 7pm,  
all held in City Council Chambers, on MCAT

b. Energize Your Neighborhood Grant Application will open at the end of the month, watch for emails

c. **Next City Council Report Date- December 15, 2025**

8. No public comment on Non-Agenda Items

9. Meeting Adjourned at 6:15

## **L&C Neighborhood Concerns September 7, 2025 General Meeting Feedback**

### Concerns

- Speeding on Park, Thames, Lester, Higgins
- Possible to make traffic circles permanent or add speed bumps- especially as streets get torn up for water projects
- Possible to actually enforce traffic laws?
- Concerns that issues are addressed in city council without input from us
- Red/Yellow/Green light at south and Bancroft
  - o Yes!!!
- Bancroft seems to be turning into a racetrack
- Overpopulation of deer

### Suggestions

- Deer Herds
  - o How to humanely manage
  - o +++
- Vacant houses
- High property taxes
  - o New assessment above Zillow... hmmm?
  - o + 8% increase
  - o Yes!
  - o +2
- Pedestrian light on SW Higgins/Pattee Creek drive/Canyon
  - o Many people agree
- Speeding on Pattee creek drive along the park
- Speeding from 39th street to Stephans Ave to 39th
- Dangerous intersection at Pattee creek dr and Higgins- we need a round about here.
- Upgrade playground next to splash mt add climbing equipment, slide, new swings
- Petition splash MT to keep lap pool open maybe limited hours and days? --> Sept 14
  - o Staff goes back to school and college
- Make sure curbs are painted yellow before pool opens

**Mike Nugent**

Thu, Sep 25,  
4:56 PM (13 days  
ago)

to Terry, Kathleen, Eric, Claire, Bill, Jennifer, Devin, Kalina, Amber, Melissa, me

Thanks Melissa and Hello Leadership Team,

If after your discussion you want to collectively share some of the traffic concerns you feel are important with Amber and I we'd appreciate it. I've been working with a few council members to try and make it easier to implement traffic management around schools and I'm happy to bring **your input forward**.

One other thing that I've mentioned at previous general meetings but didn't detail this year is more thoughts on the Pattee Creek/Pattee Canyon/Higgins intersection. We have consistently heard that public works does not want to put a traffic control of some sort at that spot because they are concerned it will encourage more through traffic onto Pattee Creek rather than utilizing Higgins and SW Higgins. That is why years ago they redid the intersection to offset it a bit. I will say I hear many different perspectives from the neighborhood on what should or should not happen at that street.

Thanks for the time you dedicate to our neighborhood. Happy to follow up with any of you if you'd like.

Mike

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