



MISSOULA NEIGHBORHOODS

Community Forum Report

City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine

February 24, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Moderator, Nancy McCourt

Captain John Mullan – Kathy Snodgrass
Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten
Franklin to the Fort – Absent
Grant Creek – Absent
Heart of Missoula – Bill Flanery
Lewis & Clark – Greg Gullickson
Lower Rattlesnake – Absent
Miller Creek – Vacant
Moose Can Gully – Lyle Geurtz
Northside – Absent
River Road – Mike Hathaway

Riverfront – Suzette Dussault
Rose Park – Nancy McCourt
South 39th – Absent
Southgate Triangle – Erik West
University District – Absent
Upper Rattlesnake – Don Sims
Westside – Absent

City Council Liaison – Jon Wilkins
Neighborhood Liaison – Jane Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marty Rehbein, Brandi Harrington, Ben Weiss

QUORUM:

A quorum was present

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Greg Gullickson moved to approve the agenda.
Kathy Snodgrass seconded the motion.
The agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CF MINUTES:

Ray Aten moved to approve the January 21, 2011 minutes.
Greg Gullickson seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Greg Gullickson stated the Greenblocks Phase 1 was to solicit applications for the program and he read a letter to the Forum regarding Phase 2. Mr. Gullickson stated there were 300 homes involved in the program and 60 are still available for the project.

Nancy McCourt mentioned she visited a friend's home after the updates were completed and she was astounded by the improvements. She encouraged the Forum to inform people and neighbors that would be interested in this opportunity.

PRESENTATION:

Ben Weiss, Missoula in Motion stated he is a member of the Sunday Streets committee. Sunday Streets is a free community event that celebrates alternative transportation such as walking and biking. Sunday June 5th and September 11th, there will be fun events and festivities on Higgins Ave. between the X's to 5th street. The goals for the events are to promote walking & biking, health, public space and promote shopping & eating in the downtown area.

He discussed the history behind Sunday Streets and said the Sunday Street's concept is growing in other states and countries. Last year was Missoula's first event and the survey results reported 3500 people and four dozen businesses & organizations hosted over 50 free activities and events. There was an 89% request to promote this activity two times a year and the event to remain on Higgins Ave.

Mr. Weiss stated the Sunday Streets committee would like the neighborhoods to take part in the events. Ms. Harrington has been helpful and Mayor Engen is scheduled to attend and award a proclamation for Neighbor Days. He discussed several ways to attend the event other than automotive.

The Forum discussed various events that the neighborhoods could partake.

Marty Rehbein stated there is an event registration form located in the binders and they are due by April 1st at 5:00 pm. She asked that a copy be sent to the Missoula in Motion Sunday Streets and a copy to the Office of Neighborhoods, because the fee for the event space will be paid from the neighborhood budget.

Mr. Weiss stated he has sponsorship forms for those who has or know business owners who would be interested in sponsorship.

APPROVAL OF TRAINING QUESTIONNAIRE:

Jane Kelly stated a Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Questionnaire was created and is currently in the binders. It was made to get ideas of what kind of training people are interested in and the days and times that people are available. If there are any suggestions that need to be added or changed, please contact Ms. Kelly. The questionnaires are due by March 15th to the Office of Neighborhoods.

Ray Aten moved to approve the Leadership Team Training Questionnaire.

Greg Gullickson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS:**Lewis & Clark Open House**

Mr. Gullickson stated the Lewis & Clark Leadership team is planning an open house for neighbors to come and meet each other. The team's goal is to find out what the neighborhoods interests are and collect contact information from them. The team invited Mayor Engen to attend and the UM mascot "Monte" will be there to entertain the children. They are asking for a small grant approval of \$500.00 to fund the event.

Nancy McCourt moved to approve the small grant for the Lewis & Clark neighborhood open house. Erik West seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Bike/Walk Bus Event Plan

Ms. Kelly said the Bike/Walk Bus Week is scheduled to begin April 30th through May 7th and it will be a great opportunity to give the neighborhoods a chance to present Neighborhood Councils. She stated Dave Shaw, Park & Rec. said he would present a tour of the Milwaukee Trail. On April 30th there is a "Festival of Cycles" scheduled in McCormick Park. There will be other tables and the neighborhoods could have one and hand out cookies or neighborhood tote bags or what the Forum decides. This would give the neighborhoods an opportunity to promote neighborhoods and meet people who may be interested in becoming involved with their Neighborhood Council.

Ms. Kelly said there are some details that still need to be worked out, and she noted Mr. Shaw suggested the Milwaukee Trail tour should be scheduled on a dry day.

Nancy McCourt clarified Ms. Kelly is asking to approve formal involvement in Bike/Walk Bus Week.

Bill Flanery moved to approve the Community Forum participation in the Missoula Bike/Walk Bus Week and details to be worked out at a later date.

Don Sims seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

1. Volunteer of the Year

Ms. Kelly reported she received five applications and tomorrow at 5:00 pm is the deadline. The committee will schedule their first meeting soon and the committee consists of Nancy McCourt, Jill Blomgren, Ray Aten, Mike Hathaway and Jeff Stevens.

2. Neighbor Days

Brandi Harrington said the Neighbor Days event has been added to the city website and she showed the Forum how to get to the information regarding the event.

3. MATP

Ray Aten stated he attended the Transportation Plan meeting and they discussed the adoption process, implementation action and the final draft. The plan is in the public comment stage for written comments and a public meeting will be scheduled for adoption. He discussed the action items that are part of the plan.

Neighborhood Liaison Position Advisory Panel Update:

Ray Aten stated it was established that he will chair the panel. The panel members met last night and discussed various ideas about the positions work plan, office location, and other possibilities. The panel will meet on every Monday and come to a conclusion. He noted any comments or ideas are welcome.

Neighborhood Council Reports:

River Road – Mike Hathaway reported their Leadership Team had a meeting on Feb. 2nd and discussed the Milwaukee Trail project, the construction approval of South 3rd St. and a rezone request on Catlin St. They will meet again on March 2nd.

Heart of Missoula – Bill Flanery stated their Leadership Team met on Feb. 17th and discussed topics for their next general meeting; they are sidewalk improvements, neighborhood trails & parks and neighborhood parking issues. The Neighborhood Council meeting is scheduled for April 6th at 7:00 pm located at the public Library.

Lewis & Clark – Greg Gullickson stated their Leadership Team will meet on Wednesday, March 9th at the UM Lewis & Clark housing meeting room. They will discuss the neighborhood open house that is scheduled for March 24th and they are hoping to generate community involvement.

Southgate Triangle – Erik West stated their Leadership Team met on Feb. 10th but he did not attend and cannot comment. The next meeting is scheduled on March 10th located at Southgate Mall.

Moose Can Gully – Lyle Geurtz stated the Leadership Team will meet next Wednesday at 5:00 pm and they general meeting will be scheduled a couple of weeks later.

Captain John Mullan – Kathy Snodgrass stated their general meeting is scheduled on March 22nd and the Leadership Team meeting is scheduled on March 3rd. They are working on Pleasant View Park, Mullan bike trail and miscellaneous topics.

Rose Park – Nancy McCourt reported they are planning to schedule a Leadership Team and a general meeting when people become available.

Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten reported they will meet in April to discuss Whitaker Park improvements and other miscellaneous topics.

Upper Rattlesnake – Don Sims stated they are working on the Summit Transportation report with the Lower Rattlesnake neighborhood. There is a meeting Sunday from 3:30 to 5:00 pm located at the Rattlesnake Elementary School to discuss the plan.

Riverfront – Suzette Dussault reported they had an event on January 29th at the Currents Pool and Headwaters meeting room and it was successful. The Leadership Team met on Feb. 3, 2011 at Bernice's Bakery. They are planning to schedule a charrett in March and April. They will meet again next Thursday at 6:30 pm at Bernice's Bakery.

City Council Liaison Report:

City Council Liaison – Jon Wilkins was absent

Marty Rehbein, City Clerk informed the Forum of items listed on the Public Hearing Calendar that the City Council will be discussing. She said at the Monday night council meeting a public hearing was held regarding the development agreement with the County High School District for Riverfront parcels of land to permit improvements for high school athletics, and it was returned to the Conservation committee for further discussion. The following items will be discussed.

- March 7th - A rezone request on Catlin & Trail St.
- March 14th – Amendments to the City of Missoula Subdivision Regulations, Article 9, Public & Private Improvements.
- Amendment to the Municipal Code, Title 9, entitled "Public Peace, Morals and Welfare" involving consumption of alcohol by underage persons.
- April 4th – A subdivision request located at 2110 39th St., and a request to rezone property located at 2725 Radio Way known as the Home Depot Site.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam

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