

Minutes from Extraordinary Events Committee Held September 11, 2008

Meeting convened: 6:50 pm

Those present were:

Dale McCormick representing the Riverfront Neighborhood

Gwen Hoppe representing Missoula Community Forum

Matt Ellis representing Facility Manager

Ellie Hill attended via speaker phone, representing Heart of Missoula Neighborhood Council

Also present was Nola Hunter from the Missoula Osprey who came to take the minutes.

Matt brought up the first order of business. First Night Missoula which is held on New Years Eve would like to submit a formal plan for approval. First Night Missoula would like to bring in two bands, The Drum Brothers, and Stomping Grounds and hold a pre fireworks concert with fireworks going off at midnight. It would be the low level fireworks like the Missoula Osprey do for their July 4th show. It would be a free event, and has been okayed by the fire marshal. A special permit would be obtained for the noise ordinance. Matt Ellis and Tom Benson would work on sponsorships for the event.

Gwen thought some people might have a problem with the midnight fireworks.

Matt asked what impact they thought it would have on the neighborhood?

Dale responded that he has mixed feelings. He thought the music would be ok, but thought the fireworks might upset families with kids.

Ellie was all for fireworks at midnight. People would be up shooting them off anyway.

Matt brought up that this would be a safe family environment vs. a bar or people doing their own.

Gwen asked if it would be possible to have the fireworks at 10 pm. rather than midnight?

Matt mentioned that there had been a mixed reaction from the First Night Committee regarding the 10 pm vs. 12 am time. Tom Benson is available to discuss options with the Extraordinary Events Committee.

Gwen mentioned, "Everybody will be shooting off fireworks anyway." Since not enough members of the committee attended the meeting to take a vote Gwen suggested an email dialog.

Matt is a big promoter of having group fireworks vs. individuals for safety. First Night Missoula would like to make this a long term thing. From the music standpoint, they would play right up until the fireworks.

Dale said his gut feeling was that the music and fireworks sounds ok.

Matt thought the music would be from 10 pm to 12 midnight with fireworks at midnight.

Gwen wanted to know if parking was going to be an issue?

Dale asked to be excused and left at 7 pm.

Matt said an email will be sent out to get additional feedback, and the committee could possible vote by email as well.

The next item of business brought up was the Silver Park Timber Framers Event which is being held September 22 – 25. Monday through Thursday. There will be 35 timber framers with workshops being held in the stadium. The timber framers will be sleeping overnight in tents on the field. There will be no coming and going at night. They will be locked in at night.

Gwen and Ellie were ok with the Silver Park Timber Framers Event.

Gwen asked if the gate at Hickory would be locked? Matt responded. At night the gate would not be locked. Possibly during the day while workshops were going on. He will ask the Mayors office about the gate for daytime hours.

Gwen mentioned the neighborhood is having a gathering on September 25. She will check with some of the neighbors.

Matt brought up that New Years Eve does fall on a Wednesday this year. Since not enough committee members showed up to take a vote, a formal email will be sent out.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.