

Grant Creek Neighborhood Council
7 to 8:45 p.m. December 12, 2017
Grant Creek Inn

Between 25 and 30 persons attended the meeting (27 signed in).

Bert Lindler began the meeting by explaining that elections for the leadership team would be held later in the evening. The leadership team meets about three times a year over lunch and includes members from neighborhoods throughout Grant Creek. Lindler encouraged persons attending the meeting to consider nominating themselves for any of the positions and pointed out that no one was nominated for the Area Outside Association or Lime Springs positions.

Newly appointed Ward 2 City Council Member Mirtha Becerra introduced herself and expressed her willingness to learn more about the neighborhoods and work on issues of importance to them. Newly reelected Ward 2 City Council Member Jordan Hess discussed the work of the city council and stated that persons who weren't on the city water system (such as Grantland Water Users) would not be paying any of the costs of the acquisition or operation of Mountain Water, now Missoula Water.

Shane Stack, Missoula project engineer for the Montana Department of Transportation, discussed traffic safety on Reserve Street. An insurance company recently reported that Reserve Street had four of the five intersections with the most accidents statewide from 2014 to 2016. Stack said that report was not based on a scientific study. For instance, the report did not compare accident rates based on the amount of traffic going through the intersection and did not separate injury accidents from those involving just property damage. He did say that the department will be adding barriers between the north- and south-bound lanes on Reserve Street from Mullan Road to River Road and possibly farther south. He said there were few design options to improve safety on Reserve Street, but that education and enforcement are avenues that could be pursued. He thought that improvements to Russell Street could relieve some of the traffic now crowding Reserve. Although a bypass west of Missoula could still be considered, that's an option that's only become more expensive in recent years.

The construction project to add another southbound lane and a right-turn lane to Grant Creek Road at the I-90 interchange is tentatively scheduled for 2020, Stack said. That project now includes the traffic signal on the south side of the I-90/Reserve Street interchange and the traffic signal at Reserve and Expressway. Stack would like to have the Grant Creek Road project ready for 2019 when another construction project is scheduled for I-90 in the immediate area.

Kevin Davis said that the board of the Grant Creek Trails Association continues to meet monthly with the goal of extending the trail to the north to Snowbowl Road (and possibly beyond) and to the south, connecting Grant Creek with commuter trails in the city.

During public comment on nonagenda items, Lee Clemmensen said she had work done on her property to reduce the risk that a wildfire would burn down her home. She encouraged other area residents to do so and said that insurance companies may consider such work when setting rates.

Bert Lindler had a flip chart with the neighborhood council leadership team positions up for election and the names of persons who had allowed themselves to be nominated for positions. Two positions had no nominees—Area Outside Association and Lime Springs. Lindler explained that persons could nominate

themselves or be nominated by someone else. He asked for additional nominations. There were none. He asked for a vote on the slate of nominees. The slate below was approved unanimously:

Prospect **Dennis Muth**

Prospect Meadows **Bert Lindler**

Glen Eagle—**Mary Manning**

Grantland Landowners **Ron Larsen**

Grantland-Colorado Gulch **Wendell Beardsley**

Grantland 1-10 **Kim Birck**

Cottonwoods—**Calvin Gettel**

At Large No. 1—**Tony Marino**

Business Representative—**Kevin Davis**

Community Forum **Bert Lindler**

Community Forum Alternate **Ron Larsen** and **Dennis Muth**



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