

GRANT CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

DECEMBER 5, 2012—7 to 8:30 p.m.

Grant Creek Inn

Fifty to 60 persons attended, many did not sign in.

(1). Trail Update: Jackie Corday's (Missoula Parks and Recreation) presentation on the Grant Creek Trail was well received. She said that a solution appeared to have been reached that would allow the trail to be placed on the toe of the slope of property now owned by the National Wildlife Federation. If the solution is agreed to, as seems likely, the city would purchase the property owned by the National Wildlife Federation and place a conservation easement on the property outside the trail corridor to ensure that the property would continue to be managed for its natural values in perpetuity. A timeline was presented for construction with optimism the trail or portions could be started next calendar year.

Several questions were asked. Support was offered by several persons attending. No opposition was expressed. Corday suggested that interested parties attend the next meeting of the city council's conservation committee, December 19, tentatively 9 to 10 a.m. and the joint county commission/city council meeting at 7 p.m. January 14 (both meetings in city council chambers, 140 W. Pine St.)

Karen Sippy, treasurer of the Grant Creek Trails Association, said that the association had raised \$112,000 to match the federal CTEP (Transportation Bill) funds that will be used to build the city portion of the Grant Creek Trail. The association will be raising the remaining \$28,000 the city has asked the association to have on hand for contingencies.

(2). I-90 Right Turn Access: Shane Stack from the Montana Department of Transportation discussed the Grant Creek Road/I-90 interchange, where congestion is a problem for southbound traffic (vehicles leaving Grant Creek) during busy times. Stack said that both the city and state will need to be involved with the project to expand the single lane, but that the funding might not be shared 50-50, maybe more like 90-10 (city being 90). He said that the \$120,000 discussed as an estimated project cost might not include all pertinent costs. Many suggestions were offered to improve reducing congestion at the intersection.

The leadership team of the Grant Creek Neighborhood Council will arrange a meeting with both the city Public Works Department and the state Department of Transportation to determine what Grant Creek residents and businesses can do to move this project forward.

(3). Accessory Dwelling Units: Bert Lindler said that county residents would not be affected by the draft ordinance and would not be allowed to vote on any motion that might be offered regarding accessory dwelling units (because the draft ordinance just affects city residents). About half the persons attending left.

Lindler presented a concise summary of the draft ordinance, explaining that most Grant Creek subdivisions would not be affected given the current language excluding areas zoned "Planned Unit Development" and given the deference the present language shows homeowner association covenants that require single family residential dwellings in Grant Creek neighborhoods.

Tom Zavitz, Office of Planning and Grants, said that just 11 parcels in Grant Creek are zoned single family residential. Ten of those parcels are in Glen Eagle and one undeveloped parcel is in or near the gravel quarry beside the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Adam Hertz, Ward 2 Councilman, discussed the city council's work on accessory dwelling units and his decision not to support the ordinance as drafted.

During discussion, no support was voiced for accessory dwelling units. Roger Seewald made a motion, seconded by Greg Olson, that the Grant Creek Neighborhood Council send a letter to the city council indicating that the Grant Creek Neighborhood Council opposes accessory dwelling units in all areas zoned single family residential, as well as areas zone planned unit development and special district.

The vote, restricted to city residents, was 11 in favor of the motion (opposing accessory dwelling units) to 0.

No public comment was offered for non-agenda items.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.