

FARVIEWS-PATTEE CANYON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2007
Community Room - UM's Lewis and Clark Village, 3000 S Higgins
Ray Aten, Moderator

I. Welcome, Call to Order, and Attendance:

Ray Aten called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and introduced leadership team members: Marcia Bishop and Celeste River. Mary Barnett, Dean Hendrix, and Tim Lovely were absent. He requested that all sign the attendance sheet on the table by the entrance. At 7:55 p.m. there were fourteen people in attendance.

II. Approval of Minutes: April 18, 2007

Gary Barnett moved for acceptance of the April 18, 2007 minutes. Frank D'Angelo seconded the motion. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

III. F-PC Neighborhood Council Account Balance and Expenditure Report:

Ray Aten reported that the balance is about \$600. He stated that a newsletter publication and mailing will deplete the balance and a supplemental newsletter mailing account.

IV. City Council Representative's Forum: Issues, Questions, and Answers:

Ray noted that Jerry Ballas was attending the University Neighborhood Council meeting.

Jon Wilkins noted that the Zoning Ordinance Evaluation process has begun and that a consulting firm has been hired to lead the process. Jon indicated that he is concerned and wants all neighborhoods to be involved, "there is a need for a lot of citizen input; the regulations have not been updated since the 70s". Jon would like there to be a right of protest in the revised ordinances.

Jon noted that an ordinance related to having farm animals inside the city limits is in review. Also, that Jerry Ballas and he are concerned about a proposed subdivision at 709 Parkview Way.

Jon opened the floor to questions. Ray asked about whether areas could be rezoned. Jon indicated it was possible and that Planned Neighborhood Clusters and Overlay are presently possible. Alan Ault encouraged all to get involved in the revision process.

Alan Ault asked about speed bumps. Jon noted that modified bumps, that are much wider, are being evaluated. Jon was asked about the UM Bookstore at Russell Square. He indicated that it will not have a theatre and construction will begin late this summer at a site North of Albertsons.

Celeste River and Jon indicated the lot subdivisions are going to be an issue. Most lots are large enough to be divided into two lots and still meet the minimum lot size requirements of the present zoning.

All thanked Jon for his participation.

V. Old Business:

South Campus Master Plan - Update: Marcia Bishop reviewed the purpose, mission, and guiding principles of the plan, the process, and the membership of the South Campus Master Plan Committee. She invited all to come to the meetings and make comment. Marcia next reviewed a preliminary draft map of the area and the planning priorities. The first priority was education and the second was student living enhancements. She noted that Alumni Housing has been removed as a priority. She noted that the Academic Use area may house the College of Technology and that a number of committee members are recommending that the existing College of Technology site become a Park-N-Ride lot and that car use be discouraged through limited parking. She indicated that ultimately the golf course will be gone but the wish is for it to remain as long as possible. She also noted that an exit onto Pattee Canyon Drive may be necessary in the distant future, that Maurice Ave. may become a major corridor between the two campuses, and that an in-door student athletic facility is desired. Marcia opened the floor to questions.

Marcia was asked about the Mt. Sentinel hillside. She noted that there is no intention of changing the open space designation. When asked about high rise parking. She noted that the only parking discussion was about the existing College of Technology site. Marcia indicated that all the information about the South Campus Master Plan was available on the University of Montana website and this included links to other University's Master Plans.

All thanked Marcia for her participation on the committee.

Bylaws Change – Vote: Ray reviewed the reason for the change, noted that the existing Bylaw Article 3 and the proposed change to Article 3 were part of the agenda, and read the proposed change to Article 3. Alan Ault moved that the Bylaws be changed as presented. Nan Barber seconded the motion. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.** The revised Bylaw now read:

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP and VOTING

- 3.1 All residents physically located in the Farviews - Pattee Canyon neighborhood district, or encompassed area as defined by Article 1, Section 2, and described by the Community Forum, are members of the Farviews - Pattee Canyon Neighborhood Council and are eligible to vote at meetings on all issues that come before the Neighborhood Council. No person shall have more than one vote.

Parks System Study Presentation and Survey: James Pool gave a history of the Neighborhood Council Parks Committee, its activities during the last year, what has been observed about the neighborhood parks, and the application for and granting of a Neighborhood Project Fund Grant. James then described the next steps and distributed a draft of the parks questionnaire that also will be distributed in the upcoming Neighborhood Council newsletter. Those present were encouraged to complete the questionnaire before leaving the meeting.

A discussion of parks ensued. Access and signage options were reviewed. Alan Ault asked about the possible sale of parkland. Kristine Csorosz reviewed how the

Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan had been revised to clarify how parkland could be sold. She pointed out that the process is now much more rigorous. Celeste River pointed out the various zoning designations for the neighborhood parks. James pointed out how the easements and parks could be used by children walking to Lewis and Clark elementary school. All were invited to the charette on September 12th.

VI. New Business:

Response to 709 Parkview Way Subdivision –Leadership Team Letter: Ray described how the neighborhood council is considered to be an “agency” by OPG and how the leadership team sought input from the neighbors. He presented the letter (included in the agenda packet) that the leadership team sent to Paul Druyvestein (DJ&A) and Tim Worley (OPG) and requested neighborhood council endorsement of the letter. Jerry Bromenshenk noted that he had previously commented on the subdivision request, that he had not received a response to his request, and that his letter was not included in the subsequent subdivision request packet. Alan Ault presented what he has observed as a member of the Planning Board: the most effective comments are those addressing specific violations of regulations or ordinances, particularly those addressing health, safety, public welfare, and wildlife. He referred to such regulations as 3.1 and 3.4. Kristine Csorosz advocated for the neighborhood council developing on subdividing lots. Ray proposed that the letter be endorsed and a new letter be written that addressed how the application was not meeting specific regulations. Alan Ault moved that the letter be endorsed and that a new letter be written addressing specific regulations. Mary Barnett seconded the motion. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.** Marcia Bishop suggested that the letter include a request for the courtesy of a reply.

Trail Project above the M – Letter of Support: In Dean Hendrix’s absence Ray read a draft of a letter supporting Marilyn Marliers proposed trail re-route project for Mt. Sentinel. Based on the number of questions asked it was decided to table the letter.

Date for Ice Cream Social: It was concluded that the Ice Cream Social would be on Thursday, July 19th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

VII. Public Comment:

Kristine Csorosz encouraged all to watch MCAT, particularly the Park Board.

Celeste River encouraged neighbors to get involved by joining the leadership team. She indicated that meetings were monthly and usually early Thursday evening.

VIII. Adjourn and Cleanup:

Marcia Bishop moved for adjournment. Mary Barnett seconded the motion. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.** The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Aten