Southgate Triangle Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes

Date: April 8, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Southgate Mall Community Room

2901 Brooks Street Missoula, MT 59801

Leadership Team Members Present: Hans Christiansen, Deke Tidwell, Carrie Schreiber, Carole Ulrigg.

Others Present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, Patrick Weasel Head (CC), Bryan von Lossberg (CC), Annelise Hedahl (CC), Ed Childers(CC), Tim Winger, Southgate Mall Manager, Jeremy Keene and Kate Dinsmore, WGM Group.

There were approximately 23 people in attendance.

1. Welcome

- 2. Introduction of City Council Representatives by Ward and City Council Q&A-Annelise Hedahl from Ward 5 and Ed Childers from Ward 6 were present. Hans invited community input for the Council Members present. SGT resident Dale Bennett who lives on 34th Street commented about the excessive speed on 34th and some issues with the storm drains. Mrs. Hedahl will follow up with the proper city departments to investigate further. There was also some objection expressed about Bellevue Park, specifically regarding available water for irrigation and parking issues. Patrick Weasel Head and Bryan von Lossberg arrived about 2/3 of the way through the Q&A.
- 3. Status of Mountain Water Condemnation Suit Bryan von Lossberg- Mr. von Lossberg discussed the trial and explained what might be the next step should the judge rule in favor of the City. There were numerous community commenters opposing community ownership of the water system on various grounds. There was also discussion about the valuation of the system and justification for the price offered by the City prior to condemnation proceedings.
- 4. Unleashed Dogs and their Waste in Bellevue Park Hans Christiansen- Hans explained that the only way to increase enforcement is to turn in violators.
- 5. (8:00 8:15) What is all the Construction Going on at The Southgate Mall? Tim Winger, Southgate Mall Manager Red Robin is reconfiguring. There will be an outdoor patio area. They want to change out the look as well. There is also mall

expansion for a new H and M store. There have also been some property acquisitions. Sears was purchased and will be redeveloped quickly. Gap is moving and reconfiguring as well. Tim wanted to reiterate that nobody has been kicked out of the strip mall they recently purchased. Those who left were month to month and other leases have been honored.

- 6. (8:15 8:40) How Can We Improve the Appearance of the Triangle at Brooks and Paxson? Kate Dinsmore, WGM Group- Update on Brooks Street Project. Mid to late summer to break ground. There are some design issues they are working through. Regarding the triangle- the part owned by the sign company is excluded at this time. A micro park was discussed as well as simply low maintenance landscaping to improve the aesthetics. There was also discussion about community and neighborhood labor/time contribution. We have 6-8 weeks to come up with a plan if we want to piggy back on the Brooks Street improvement.
- 7. Treasurer's Report Carrie Schreiber- Carole Moves to approve. Hans seconds. Motion to approve treasurer's report passes.
- 8. Community Forum Report Hans Christiansen- Volunteer of the year and group of the year awards to be announced on Monday at the City Council meeting. Sex/Violent offender registry- encouraged to review that list and know who is in your neighborhood.
- 9. Office of Neighborhoods Report Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator
- 10. McLeod Park Update Hans Christiansen- There is \$100,000 budgeted for McLeod park equipment.
- 11. Public comment on non-agenda items- None
- 12. New Business- None
- 13. Announcements the next leadership team meeting will be May 13, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

If you are interested in City Government or your Neighborhood Council we urge you to consider joining the leadership team.

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What is important to the Southgate Triangle Neighbors?

- 1. Bellevue Park—9 Votes
- 2. City owned water system—8 Votes
- 3. Maintenance Fees—8 Votes
- 4. Safe Routes to School—7 Votes
- 5. South Crossing—6 Votes
- 6. Urban Deer—4 Votes
- 7. Community Garden—4 Votes

Submitted by: Deke Tidwell

