



MISSOULA NEIGHBORHOODS

Community Forum Report

Missoula Plans Exchange, 201 N. Russell

November 18, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Moderator, Kathie Snodgrass

Captain John Mullan – Kathie Snodgrass
Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Absent
Franklin to the Fort – Jon Salmonson
Grant Creek – Absent
Heart of Missoula – Bill Flanery
Lewis & Clark – Greg Gullickson
Lower Rattlesnake – Absent
Miller Creek – Vacant
Moose Can Gully – Lyle Geurts
Northside – Absent
River Road – Mike Hathaway

Riverfront – Gwen Hoppe
Rose Park – Nancy McCourt
South 39th – Absent
Southgate Triangle – Christine Ross
University District – Absent
Upper Rattlesnake – Absent
Westside – Vacant
City Council Liaison – Absent
Neighborhood Liaison – Erin Scott

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeremy Flesch, Dax Kuehn

QUORUM

A quorum was present of the duly-selected Representatives of Neighborhood Councils of the City of Missoula.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Greg moved to adopt the agenda. Bill seconded. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF CF MINUTES

Bill moved to approve the October 28, 2010 minutes. Jon seconded. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeremy Flesch from the River Road Neighborhood Council came forward with some questions for Neighborhood Councils to discuss. His question is “who is the voice of the neighborhood” or “what does it mean to be the voice of the neighborhood” when items come up. How do you know who to speak for? Is a leadership team representative ever tasked to speak for their whole Neighborhood Council? Should someone speak for themselves as an individual? Should/can someone speak for a leadership team – and how much weight does that hold? Should/can someone speak for the whole neighborhood? Kathie Snodgrass asked if the group could postpone the discussion until the social portion of the evening. The group agreed.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT FUNDS RECOMMENDATION

Greg moved to adopt the committee recommendation as it stands in the draft document. Christine seconded. Dax Kuehn asked to speak. Dax explained that the River Road neighborhood put

forward two grants and wanted to take the time to make a case for his project. He asked how many neighborhoods have websites. A few individuals raised their hands. He then showed his neighborhood website which is www.riverroadmissoula.org He said that nobody knows that they are part of a neighborhood and his neighborhood is trying to market the fact that they are part of a neighborhood. They are running a continuous blog that is tied into their Facebook account and works as a channel of communication to their constituents/neighbors. Greg – are you specifically talking about your mailing campaign? Dax – one branch of their overall campaign is discussed in the proposed grant which is 4 mailings, 2 post cards. He mentioned that he has a background in photography and graphic design and would like to use his work as a template for other neighborhoods and would implore everyone to reconsider his grant application. Greg – do you have a break down of your budget, since they did not have a copy of all of the grant applications in front of them? Jeremy – included that this marketing work is to be proactive and communicate before anything becomes a problem. Christine – Mentioned that as Community Forum, there is already a process in place to consider all of the grant applications and she has to trust that the committee did their job. Since the small grant budget allocated has been increased to \$500, it seems like there are other avenues for funding for this project. Dax - \$500 does not even cover one mailing campaign, and it seems like they would be duplicating efforts by applying for multiple small grants. Kathie – Said that they were already ten minutes behind schedule and that they might not have time to make an informed decision about these grant funds. She asked the group if they would be willing to postpone this decision until next month. Greg – asked that they approve what is in front of them with the caveat that they hear from the committee next month to discuss the grants that were not recommended for funding. He also mentioned the reallocated funds as an option for such projects. Jon – agreed that there were time constraints and wanted more time to consider this. Greg - called to question. Jon seconded. All in favor. Greg moved to adopt the committee recommendation as it stands in the draft document. Jon – seconded. All in favor. This item will put on the agenda for December. Jon – commented that the forum could really take advantage of Dax's groundwork. Kathie – asked if there was any discussion on the small grants. Seeing none, Jon moved to adopt the small project funds. Mike – seconded. All approved. Kathie – will report to City Council about the Neighborhood Project Funds and the potluck event. Jon – thought that Dax could connect with Ginny Merriam for communication efforts. Next moderator – Don Sims.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Scott

Neighborhood Liaison
City of Missoula

Potluck Attendees: Ellen Flanery, Bill Flanery, Judy Smith, Gwen Hoppe, Katie Mickey, Tara Mickey, Suzette Dessault, Nancy McCourt, Dax Kuehn, Jon Salmonson, Mark McMillan, Janet Fiero, Randy Johnson, Dona Johnson, Randy Johnson, Nathan Howard, Jeff Stevens, Mike Hathaway, Jeremy Flesch, Greg Gullickson, Lyle Geurts, Laval Means, Penny Orwick, Kathie Snodgrass, Joyce Lewis, Kate Hall, Erin Scott, **Facilitated by:** Amie Thurber and Justin Kaney