



## **MISSOULA NEIGHBORHOODS**

Community Forum Report

City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine

March 24, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Moderator, Mike Hathaway

Captain John Mullan – Kathy Snodgrass  
Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Absent  
Franklin to the Fort – Mark McMillin  
Grant Creek – Absent  
Heart of Missoula – Bill Flanery  
Lewis & Clark – Absent  
Lower Rattlesnake – Carol Elsen  
Miller Creek – Vacant  
Moose Can Gully – Lyle Geurtz  
Northside – Absent  
River Road – Mike Hathaway

Riverfront – Suzette Dussault  
Rose Park – Nancy McCourt  
South 39<sup>th</sup> – Jeff Stevens  
Southgate Triangle – Erik West  
University District – Absent  
Upper Rattlesnake – Don Sims  
Westside – Absent  
  
City Council Liaison – Absent  
Neighborhood Liaison – Jane Kelly

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jane Kelly, Brandi Harrington, Justin Kaney

### **QUORUM:**

A quorum was present

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Casey Richardson, Quality of Life Police Officer was absent and his presentation was removed from the agenda.

Jeff Stevens moved to approve the agenda with the changes.

Kathy Snodgrass seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Kathy Snodgrass moved to approve the minutes for February 24, 2011.

Jeff Stevens seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bill Flanery stated the Missoula Active Transportation Plan (MATP) committee met on March 10th and they agreed to schedule an open public presentation on May 4<sup>th</sup>, located at the Missoula Public Library from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

### **PRESENTATION:**

Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year Award

Jeff Stevens stated there were several nominations for the award, and he reviewed each nominee's accomplishments.

### **RAY ATEN**

Ray chairs and works tirelessly on the Pattee Canyon/Farviews Neighborhood Council. He has created neighborhood newsletters, surveys, participated with park preservation, and assisted with the creation of hiking trails. Ray expressed concerns and brought awareness of potential problems such as in-fill (the building of two homes on a small lot), traffic calming issues and the building code rewrite.

He participated with the neighborhoods beautification process, such as weed removal at the neighborhood entrance, conducting numerous meetings, and planning & chairing ice cream socials. Ray and his wife Cindy reside in Missoula to be near their three grandchildren and are contributors to Missoula.

### **KIMBERLY BEATTY**

Kimberly volunteers wherever she is needed. She shovels snow in the winter for an elderly couple and takes their trash out each week. She provides free babysitting to at least three single mothers in her neighborhood. When she learned a neighbor was an abuse victim, she offered her home to the woman and her children until they found a safe place to stay. She helped buy school books and paid someone's electric bill before it was disconnected. She never allows anyone to repay her; her reply is "just pay it forward, that's all I ask". Her favorite quote is "volunteers change the world one person at a time".

Kimberly volunteers at the Missoula Food Bank, Salvation Army, Lewis & Clark Elementary School and the YWCA. In addition, she maintains a Face book page called "Good Reads" where she supports local charity groups, local authors & artists and offers assistance to students and single parent families in need.

### **JUDY HOLBROOK**

Judy's volunteer activities are focused on her neighborhood's quality-of-life, architectural heritage, and other vested interests with other neighborhoods including the City/County River Trail. She offers her talent and energy to the neighborhood citizens with her wealth of architecture knowledge.

As Chair of the Southside Historical District, Judy and other volunteers research the history of nearly 500 homes and businesses to help establish a historical district. Within the last five years, hundreds of hours and a mass of paperwork, 250 buildings are listed with the city, state and the federal government as well as the Historical District.

Since moving into their South 5<sup>th</sup> W. home 38 years ago, Judy has transformed their barren property into a gardening showcase. She has inspired many people to improve their own curb appeal. Today, the beauty of her gardens and landscaping bring admiration by many who pass by.

For many years Judy and her husband have hosted parties and potlucks for the neighborhood to gather and socialize. She organizes an annual neighborhood Christmas caroling party and continues to encourage more neighbors to join in.

**BILLY & CHARNEY IZZARD** The Izzards are always inviting neighbors to their family celebrations including the annual pumpkin carving party and the Christmas gingerbread house event and are fun for everyone in their neighborhood. They open their home on holidays by welcoming neighbors who do have their families nearby.

During the summer months the Izzards offer produce from their garden and eggs from Charney's three ducks to the neighbors.

In the past years Billy makes a point of helping his neighbors with various chores such as; lawn mowing, raking, snow blowing, mending fences, giving gardening tips and "pet sitting".

Billy and Charney are involved in many contributions, and Billy's contribution is the Milltown Garden Patch which has made a great impact on the neighborhood. He created the non-profit community donation garden and proceeds are donated to the Missoula Food Bank. Billy's future hope is to grow and sell pumpkins to help create a scholarship fund for the Bonner School.

#### **DAX KUEHN**

Dax openly volunteers to the betterment of the Missoula community and their residents. His actions have benefited the River Road Neighborhood and the Missoula Community in many ways. Dax is successful with bringing people together to encourage networking. He has been instrumental in creating newsletters, postcard mailings, maintaining the River Road neighborhood website and creating other options to help people connect. He was successful with organizing the playground installation at Lafray Park located in the River Road neighborhood.

Dax is a professional photographer and this year he gave back to Missoula with his talent by starting a branch from "Help Portrait" where he offers free photo shoots for low income individuals. This year, Dax organized two events and gave his professional services to the Missoula Head Start Program and to low income senior citizens. Dax also offers free family photographs for terminally ill patients.

#### **LEWIS AND CLARK PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE**

This dedicated committee of individuals has volunteered their time over the past eighteen months to build a shared vision, design, and fundraise for new playground equipment at the Lewis & Clark Elementary School. The committee's efforts have galvanized this neighborhood to invest money and time to actualize a new, safe and modern playground for the school and neighborhood. The playground is a focal place for the neighborhood where children learn to ride their bikes, practice soccer and baseball, shoot hoops and use the play equipment year-round. The playground is a neighborhood gathering place that lets children play and parents converse.

The volunteer's effort has raised \$74,000 and they continue to seek many avenues to increase the amount. Much of the current equipment at the playground is a 1954 vintage and in need of modernization. Many volunteers have spent numerous hours to improve the area at the heart of the Lewis & Clark neighborhood that is utilized by all.

#### **LYN REDDING**

Lyn has lived ten years in her Missoula neighborhood, and she has been active and enthusiastic with volunteering. She served in the Chalice of Repose program for St Patrick Hospital and is a

volunteer for massage therapy. She continues to be a leader in the Heart of Missoula Neighborhood Council and their Leadership Team.

Over the years she has single handedly kept the NC active and the only one willing to serve in a leadership role. She scheduled NC meetings, obtained speakers, recruitment for the Leadership Team and created signs and placed them often by herself. She conducts meetings and initiated improved communications with the City staff. She also assisted with the development of the Downtown Master Plan while maintaining her own business.

### **JON SALMONSON**

Jon has served selflessly and energetically on the Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood Council and on the Franklin to the Fort Leadership Team for many years. He is a strong advocate supporting parks, trees, and sidewalks for neighborhood improvements and speaks for many to the City staff. He is an outstanding example of a caring neighbor and serves to inspire those who know him.

Jon was a vital participant in the process of developing the Neighborhood Plan. He worked hard to improve neighborhood infrastructure including curbs, sidewalks and fire hydrants, and as the result of this process; city grants were secured for hydrants and sidewalks in several areas. Among his accomplishments, Jon was instrumental in developing and approving the City of Missoula's Complete Streets Policy. Jon's cumulative accomplishments and contributions will leave a lasting impression on the neighborhood.

### **ANNE VANDEERMEER**

Anne volunteers for Girls Using Their Strengths (GUTS) which is a program to empower young women in the community, and she also serves on the board for The Boys & Girls Club and Habitat for Humanity. She is constantly building and helping with construction for those in need in the community and her efforts to help are endless. She is an amazing woman and has earned recognition from her community. She has a remarkable way of bringing people together and motivating others to join in. Anne works hard and possesses a positive outlook. Her energy is contagious and everyone who spends times with her will walk away with a feeling of pride and accomplishment.

Mr. Stevens stated the choice was difficult and the Community Forum recommends Dax Kuehn for the annual Outstanding Volunteer of the year award.

Nancy McCourt thanked Mr. Stevens for the nominee's history. The committee was impressed with the choices and a wide range of volunteerism. She discussed the rating guidelines the committee followed.

Carol Elsen moved to approve Dax Kuehn as the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for 2011. Nancy McCourt seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS:**

#### **Western Montana Volunteer Center Small Grant**

A request from Colleen Kane Western Montana Volunteer Center is requesting \$200 for their volunteer recognition event to honor their volunteers. This event is traditionally held during the Downtown Tonight event. They would like to celebrate by offering the first 100 volunteers a double

scoop of Baskin Robbins ice cream. Other funding sources include the Missoula Aging Services, UM and Baskin Robbins in the past has matched the purchased cones.

The Forum discussed how the \$200 will be spent.

Kathy Snodgrass moved to approve the small grant for \$200 to the Western Montana Volunteer Center.

Mark McMillin seconded the motion.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

#### Riverfront May Day General Meeting and Picnic

A request from Melodie Stenger Riverfront Neighborhood is requesting \$500 for an event to initiate their new Parents Association. The event will allow families with young children to connect with each another and learn how to get involved with the neighborhood. There will be exhibits, basic food, crepe paper flower activities and they would like to provide flower seed packets or cut flowers.

The \$500 funding will go towards the McCormick Park space that costs \$60 with a \$100 refundable deposit, \$75 for advertisement costs, \$150 for food and tableware, \$40 for craft supplies, \$25 for exhibit materials and \$50 for flower seed packets or cut flowers.

The Forum discussed the refundable deposit. Jane Kelly stated she spoke with the Parks & Recreation department and the \$100 deposit will not be necessary.

Nancy McCourt moved the approve \$500 for the Riverfront May Day event.

Ms. Snodgrass moved a friendly amendment to approve the grant for \$400 and it was agreed.

The motion is to approve the small grant for \$400 for the Riverfront May Day event.

Ms. Snodgrass seconded the amended motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### Diversity Day Sponsorship

A request from Erin McPeck National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) is requesting \$500 to fund Diversity Day "Who's your neighbor". This is the second annual celebration for the people who make Missoula unique and is organized by the NCBI middle school Respect Club students. A non motorized parade is scheduled on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm and will begin at the N. Higgins XXX's and will end at Boone & Crocket where there will be a variety of local speakers.

Diversity day helps us remember that relationships are the heart of the community that makes stronger connections, creates safer neighborhoods, healthier families and happier citizens. The neighborhood councils will receive recognition with their names and logo on a full page Missoulian ad, posters and on-line media publication.

The Forum asked how the funds will be spent.

Justin Kaney NCBI stated the money will go towards a \$1000 commercial with KECI TV and road blockades for the parade. Mr. Kaney does not know how the funds would be spent but he could provide a policy.

Bill Flanery suggested tabling the item until the funding information could be provided.

Mr. Kaney discussed the event and noted they have collected \$1,100.

Mr. Stevens asked for clarification for the \$500 request.

Mr. Kaney stated he cannot say where the money will be spent. It will go into a fund and be used as needed.

The Forum discussed clarification of where the money will be spent. Ms. Kelly suggested the amount specified could be paid directly to the advertiser.

Mr. Stevens moved to approve the \$500 grant pending assurances that the money will be spent on the KECI TV advertising.

Nancy McCourt moved a friendly amendment to reduce the grant amount to \$250.

Ms. Snodgrass seconded the motion.

The motion to lower the grant amount to \$250 failed.

Mr. Stevens moved to approve the \$500 grant pending assurances that the money will be spent on the KECI TV advertising.

Erik West seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Mr. Kaney contacted the NCBI Director and she confirmed the grant fund will go towards the television advertisement costs.

#### **City Council Liaison Report:**

##### **1. Budget Reallocation & how to access reallocated funds**

Ms. Kelly stated she contacted five neighborhood councils and all but one will be using their \$600 funds. She discussed the claim sheet that is located in the binders and is due back by April 1, 2011. She noted if the neighborhood councils will not be using their funds it will transfer to the reallocation account.

##### **2. Announce Bike/Walk/Bus Week dates**

Ms. Kelly stated she spoke with Dave Shaw and he is still working on tour route. The cycle's festival will be located at McCormick Park on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and the Milwaukee tour is scheduled on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

Brandi Harrington stated the photo exhibit deadline is April 14<sup>th</sup> and they have received some photos but would like to obtain more. She discussed the photo requirements to submit.

She noted the next Community Forum meeting is scheduled on April 28<sup>th</sup> located at the Lewis & Clark village at 6:00 pm. It is a potluck and the museum photos will be chosen.

##### **3. Neighborhood Liaison Position update**

No report

## **Neighborhood Council Reports**

Lower Rattlesnake - Carol Elsen reported the Transportation Plan report has been completed.

Heart of Missoula – Bill Flanery reported the general meeting is scheduled on April 6<sup>th</sup> located at the public Library at 7:00 pm.

Captain John Mullan – Kathy Snodgrass reported their general meeting was last Tuesday and they discussed the bike path on Mullan Rd, County parks with possible development, and the Missoula Active Transportation Plan. The Leadership Team will meet the first week of April located at Barnes & Noble at 7:30 pm.

Southgate Triangle – Erik West reported they had a Leadership Team meeting at Southgate Mall on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The general meeting is scheduled on April 14th.

Moose Can Gully – Lyle Geurtz reported there is a general meeting scheduled on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm located at Chief Charlo School cafeteria. There will be two presentations from school officials.

Rose Park – Nancy McCourt - No report

River Road – Mike Hathaway reported their Leadership Team met on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and a general meeting is scheduled on March 31st located at Emma Dickenson School at 6:00 pm.

South 39<sup>th</sup> – Jeff Stevens reported they met on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and Alex Apostle Superintendent of Missoula County Schools gave a presentation.

Upper Rattlesnake – Don Sims reported their general meeting is scheduled on April 20<sup>th</sup> located at the Rattlesnake Elementary School from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm and there will be three presentations. They are also looking for Leadership Team members.

Riverfront – Suzette Dussault reported the Leadership Team will meet April 7<sup>th</sup> located at Bernice's Bakery starting at 6:30 pm.

Franklin to the Fort – Mark McMillin reported they had a general meeting and they will meet again on April 26<sup>th</sup> located at the Friends House starting at 7:00 pm.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kelly Elam*

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