



MISSOULA NEIGHBORHOODS

Community Forum Report

City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine

July 28, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Moderator, Jeff Stevens

Captain John Mullan – Kathy Snodgrass
Farviews/Pattee Canyon – Absent
Franklin to the Fort – Patricia Hogan
Grant Creek – Bert Lindler
Heart of Missoula – Bill Flanery
Lewis & Clark – Pat McCormick
Lower Rattlesnake – Absent
Miller Creek – Vacant
Moose Can Gully – Absent
Northside/Westside – Casey Dunning

Riverfront – Absent
River Road – Jesse Neidigh
Rose Park – Nancy McCourt
South 39th – Cathy Deschamps
Southgate Triangle – Eric West
University District – Absent
Upper Rattlesnake – Absent
City Council Liaison – Jon Wilkins
Neighborhood Liaison – Jane Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marty Rehbein, Jane Kelly

QUORUM:

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

SMALL GRANT REQUESTS:

- Skyla Court Homeowner's Association landscaping request or \$500

Mr. Neidigh said the River Road neighborhood HOA is requesting funds to improve an open space common area located in the River Road neighborhood. The property is currently a grassy area where people take their dogs for exercise, and a bench and garbage receptacle is present. The neighborhood supports the idea of creating a nicer area and the HOA agreed to spend a portion of the Grizzly Place Homeowner Association dues to maintain the new landscaping.

Joe Gough noted the common area is equipped with existing irrigation. The Grizzly Place Homeowners Association agreed to match the \$500 grant funds to help purchase six bushes, six trees, and mulch, and the work will be performed by neighborhood volunteers.

Mr. Neidigh moved to approve the grant for \$500.

Ms. McCourt seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Rose Park Neighborhood Council and Missoula Rose Society request for \$500

Ms. McCourt said the past winter cold caused most of the rose bushes to die in Rose Park. The request is for \$500 to replace the rose bushes, and the local nurseries will match the funds by giving a generous discount on all rose bushes that are purchased. She noted the Rose Society volunteers will be purchasing and planting new bushes as funding becomes available.

Ms. Snodgrass moved to approve the request for \$500 to replace the rose bushes in Rose Park.

Mr. West seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Newly Re-established Neighborhood Councils

Ms. Kelly stated she has been trying to attend as many of the neighborhood council meetings as possible. She attended the Miller Creek Neighborhood Council which is now established with a full team, and they are looking forward to working with the grants and reinvigorate their neighborhood.

The Northside/Westside neighborhood council is active again and they are excited to work on a new pocket park in their neighborhood.

Ms. Rehbein stated the University District Neighborhood Council has been inactive, and she received contact from a person who is interested in working with the council.

2. Poverello Community Conversation Meeting

Ms. Rehbein said there have been many conversations regarding the relocation of the Poverello Center. There will be a public hearing on August 10th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm located at St. Patrick Hospital conference rooms 2 and 3. This meeting is being hosted by the National Coalition Building Institute and there will be child care available for parents who want to participate.

Ms. Rehbein discussed the Poverello site criteria and noted after the August 10th meeting, a working group will be created. The group will include representatives from businesses and nonprofit groups, and three neighborhood council members from preferred areas including the Heart of Missoula, Northside/Westside, Riverfront, River Road and the University District. She discussed the approved zoning areas to be considered for the new Poverello location.

She said the working group duties will include identifying possible strategies such as:

- Addressing concerns that are discussed from the August 10th meeting
- Addressing criteria established by the Poverello and the community from the August 10th meeting
- Reporting on strategies and findings at a second meeting to be scheduled around the end of August

The meetings are scheduled on Tuesday evenings and if anyone is interested in serving on the committee, please contact Marty Rehbein at the City Clerk office.

The Forum discussed the Poverello zoning map and requested that Ms. Rehbein post it on the City website.

3. Reallocation Procedure Revision Committee

Ms. Rehbein stated there are reallocation guideline procedures, and a neighborhood council needs to spend all of their general budget before requesting reallocation funds. The Community Forum reallocation procedure requirements need to be revised for clarity. This can be done in one meeting and she asked for volunteers. Bert Lindler, Bill Flanery volunteered and Pat McCormick had a vision of Greg Gullickson volunteering for the committee.

4. Neighborhood Liaison Position Adv. Panel Update

Ms. Rehbein sent an email to Mayor Engen asking for an update on the Office of Neighborhood Liaison position. The Mayor has several large projects in progress, and hopefully in the next week there will be discussion regarding the recommendations.

5. Staff Report

Ms. Kelly stated Ms. Snodgrass, Mr. Aten and Ms. Fiero will have a neighborhood table for the National Night Out event scheduled at the Target parking lot on August 2nd. There will be the Bear Cat armored SWAT vehicle, Montana Bomb squad and bomb robot, Montana Search & Rescue operation vehicle, Clifford the Red Fire Engine, a classic Sheriff vehicle, Police patrol cars, motorcycles, Army National Guard, McGruff the crime prevention dog, Life Flight and Care Flight will be landing their helicopters.

There will be a game to play that helps open communications with neighborhood councils, and she asked for another volunteer to help table the event. Mr. Wilkins said he may be interested and has rental safety information to hand out. Ms. Kelly said she will need to get approval for the handouts and will let Mr. Wilkins know.

6. Neighborhood Councils Reports

Lewis & Clark – Pat McCormick – No report

River Road – Jesse Neidigh reported they are waiting for the Milwaukee River Trail to be completed so they can celebrate a grand opening party. There has been discussion about combining the party with the City Streets event.

He asked if anyone has information regarding the abbreviated street signs in the neighborhoods. Ms. Rehbein stated the street sign are constantly being stolen and they are costly to replace, so the City went to the abbreviated system. Mr. Neidigh stated it is difficult to give directions to people and feels the abbreviated signs may not be appropriate.

Southgate Triangle – Eric West reported they had a combined neighborhood council meeting on July 13th to discuss the rezoning on 39th and Russell St. The attendance was large and it went well.

Rose Park – Nancy McCourt – No report

Grant Creek – Bert Lindler asked Ms. Rehbein if there has been a Grant Creek Community Forum meeting since the May general meeting. She answered yes. He said nothing else to report.

Captain John Mullan – Kathy Snodgrass reported their Leadership Team met last Tuesday and discussed the extended bike trail on Flynn Lane to the Hellgate Elementary School, the Pleasant View Park improvement project, and the October 2nd 5K race on the Mullan bike trail. Their fall general meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 20th.

Franklin to the Fort – Patricia Hogan reported they had their summer social on Tuesday evening and it was a successful event.

Heart of Missoula – Bill Flanery – No report

South 39th – Cathy Deschamps reported she is concerned about the street sign abbreviations and feels they are confusing to the out of town people and emergency personnel. She said majority of the 39th St. neighborhood is not aware of the 39th St. and Russell rezone request, and she will write an informational newsletter to be sent to the S. 39th neighborhood. She said the rezone hearing has been postponed to August 15th.

Northside/Westside – Casey Dunning reported a new Leadership Team has been nominated and they will be collecting data and establishing priorities for the neighborhood. The current neighborhood issues are the Poverello Center relocation and animal control issues. They will be considering designs for a new pocket park and will meet in September to discuss a block party.

Jeff Stevens stated there will be a joint neighborhood council meeting with South 39th and Southgate Triangle on August 10th to discuss the South 39th & Russell St. rezone.

7. City Council Liaison Report

Jon Wilkins reported the Public Safety & Health committee is discussing the amended dog and cat ordinance. The council will be discussing the baseball stadium issue, South 39th rezone, and he noted there will not be a council meeting on August 1st due to the lack of a quorum.

Mr. Wilkins thanked the Forum, Ms. Rehbein and Ms. Kelly for their hard work with promoting new people and getting the neighborhoods to become more involved.

Ms. Snodgrass will moderate the September meeting.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam

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