

**Community Forum Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
May 28, 2009  
7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers  
Moderator, Ray Aten**

Captain John Mullan – Kathie Snodgrass (Rep)  
Emma Dickinson –absent  
FarViews/Pattee Canyon – Ray Aten (Rep)  
Franklin to the Fort – Mike Greathouse (Alt)  
Grant Creek – absent  
\*Heart of Missoula –Kim Brown Campbell (Alt)  
Lewis & Clark – Absent  
Lower Rattlesnake – Absent  
Miller Creek – Absent  
Moose Can Gully – Lyle Guerts (Rep)  
Northside –Dru Carr (Alt)  
Riverfront – Absent  
Rose Park – Absent  
South 39<sup>th</sup> – Jeff Stevens (Rep)  
Southgate Triangle – Hans Christiansen (Rep)  
University District – John Firehammer (Rep)  
Upper Rattlesnake – Bridgett Kilroy (Rep)  
Westside – Absent  
City Council Liaison – Absent  
Neighborhood Liaison – Marty Rehbein, City Clerk acting

**Others Present**

Olivia Riutta, LaNette Diaz, Kim Brown Campbell

**Quorum**

Quorum is present.

**Adoption of Agenda** (items from consent agenda can be moved to committee reports by any CF rep as deemed necessary at this time).

**Mr. Aten** moved to adopt agenda, **Mr. Stevens** seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of CF Minutes**

Approve meeting minutes of April 23, 2009. **Ms. Snodgrass** motioned to approve minutes of April 23, 2009, **Mr. Aten** seconded. All in favor.

**Consent Agenda**

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*(Items on the consent agenda were recommended by a Community Forum committee or Community Forum Leadership Team. We save time at Community Forum meetings by voting on these items as a package. The moderator will read the list aloud, so citizens watching on MCAT will know what is on the consent agenda.)*

1. Approve \$200 request for Neighborhood Project Small Grant Funds from the Community Forum Bus Tour Committee to provide for the Community Forum bus tour. The Neighborhood Project Grants committee recommends approval.
2. Approve \$200 request of the Neighborhood Project Small Grant funds from the Lower Rattlesnake NC to provide for electrical expense for installation of the Speed Guardian sign. The Neighborhood Project Grants committee recommends approval.

**Mr. Stevens** motion to approve items on consent agenda, **Ms. Snodgrass** seconded, all in favor.

**Public Comment (non-agenda items from audience)**

Hans Christiansen made public comment that more discussion and information is needed before City Council starts to implement any kind of maintenance districts, he feels it is moving too fast. Billings has 7 different districts, vary in cost to taxpayer from \$50-\$200 per year. One district recently raised fee by \$50 without notification to the taxpayer; is this an open-ended tax without controls? He would like figures from Street Division on the amount needed for significant improvement in streets and from Parks how much is needed and for what improvements in the Park Plan within a 5-year time span. That information could be used to go to taxpayers and advise what they would get and what it would cost them. Billings also has a fee to improve primary (arterial) streets, could we use that in Missoula, on Hillview Way for example. Could we expect our taxes to be reduced by whatever amount was schedule to be used for such projects that would be replaced by maintenance districts. Ms. Snodgrass asked if creation of maintenance districts would require public vote by citizens. Marty Rehbein, acting Liaison, replied that with current legislation, no, City Council could create them. Park Districts need a petition of 10% of registered voters to create it initially. Some discussion on such items that are voted on...mill levies, bonds, etc. Ms. Kilroy what is the difference in scale between mill levy and maintenance districts. Marty Rehbein responded with the general fund goes towards lot of the existing services currently; fire, police, parks employee laborers. What voters vote for are special levies for things that are 'extra' like open space bonds, the aquatics facilities, and equipment for fire stations. In other communities, they have chosen to structure their city finances in a different way and went on to explain statutes. Mr. Aten why couldn't we as a Community Forum ask for specific examples to address the questions brought forth tonight, even if we do it as a leadership team to start that dialogue. Mr. Christiansen and others agreed.

Kim Brown Campbell introduced herself as the new Alternate from the Heart of Missoula

Olivia Riutta introduced herself as the new director of the off-campus renter center and stated she is available to help with issues of student renters as they come up. It was suggested to have a way to invite those students to their neighborhood meetings.

**Neighborhood Liaison Report**—Marty Rehbein, City Clerk

Neighborhood Liaison Recruitment—City received 37 applications for the position, they have been screened and there are many well-qualified people interested. Looking at setting up interviews next week.

Presentation ideas for next month—**Mr. Christiansen's** ideas expressed in public comment sound like a good prospect. Mr. Aten offered having someone from Parks explain current funding and if there were a special district, how that would look and what it would cost and having streets division present the same information and how districts could fund improvements as well as maintenance.

It was suggested last month to have community council presentation by Addi Jaden. Mr. Christiansen indicated he would like to see that.

sidebar: need moderators to sign up for future meetings, sheet passed around

## **Presentation**

New Neighborhood Websites—LaNette Diaz, former Neighborhood Liaison

LaNette went through page by page the new website and features of them. Visit [www.missoula-neighborhoods.org](http://www.missoula-neighborhoods.org) Discussion on how the 'notify me' feature works. Neighborhoods can email the hyperlink to their contact list and folks can subscribe to be notified of numerous categories city wide or just specific neighborhood stuff. If a wireless laptop is at a neighborhood meeting, folks could subscribe right there. A confirmation email will be sent for folks to confirm and verify to get on the subscriber lists. We will have access to who is subscribed. By sending agendas and meeting flyers to the office, they can be pushed out to the subscriber list which helps 'notice' your meeting and it will be placed on the calendar as well, good tool to use for education and outreach. It will be up to the NC's to direct the office as to what files and content you want on your page. There is a feature, Emergency Alert, which will be used to keep citizens informed in the event there is one.

## **Committee Reports**

Bus Tour-Hans Christiansen

Uniquely your neighborhood' bus tour June 20, 9am-12:30pm of the northern neighborhoods. Asked CF representatives to find neighbors, identify who will talk about the sites and communicate with Marty Rehbein to fill the bus. Mr. Christiansen went over the proposed budget for the tour. **Mr. Stevens** motioned to approve the recommendations set forth for the upcoming bus tour budget. **Mr. Aten** seconded. All in favor.

## **Ongoing Business**

\*Amend the Budget Reallocation Procedure to match Community Forum Bylaws stating that CFLT will approve all expenditures of CF fund by at least two members of the Leadership Team

**Ms. Snodgrass** motioned to adopt the revised wording with the following amendments...in the first sentence strike the last four words and substitute each fiscal year; and strike 2008 wherever it appears. **Mr. Greathouse** seconded. All in favor.

## **Neighborhood Council Updates**

- **Heart of Missoula**—planning to have a meeting in June, excited about the bus tour.
- **Northside/Westside**—having a general meeting June 2, 6:30 pm Lowell School gym. Our leadership teams have fallen apart, many moved etc., so we are hoping to have a more active team in place very soon. The Scott St. Bridge will be closed thru October in our neighborhoods, will have an impact. Concerned about traffic and ped safety due to increased traffic flow thru the neighborhood; there is a plan being worked out.
- **Cpt. John Mullan**—had a neighborhood potluck picnic which turned out well. The Pleasant View Park development is not progressing as quickly as we had hoped.
- **Southgate Triangle**—nothing new to report.
- **Moose Can Gully**—had a good meeting May 3 with a hike on the SouthHills Trail.
- **University**—nothing new to report.
- **South 39<sup>th</sup> St.**—had spring meeting last night with an update on issues from Ward 5 councils reps Mitchell and Haines; presentation on infrastructure improvements and how to pay for them; filled out a survey; presentation on non-toxic weed and pest control; OPG present to answer questions on the zoning ordinance rewrite. Update on the Tonkin Trail project, solicited bids from fencing contractors; soliciting surveyor bids for trail and fence stakeout; asking for bids on trail construction as well.

- **Upper Rattlesnake**—had an ice cream social last month in which there were new leadership team members voted in. The zoning ordinance was discussed and since the meeting, I have started to look into a bike/ped safety plan for the area.
- **Franklin to Fort**—will be having Parks Dept. at our next meeting, maybe we can ask them about special improvement districts, having a summer social June 28, starting discussion with Southgate Triangle on boundary changes.
- **FarViews/Pattee Canyon**—nothing new to report; working on our newsletter.

City Council Liasion Report—Jon Wilkins absent.

**Final Business**

**\*Monthly report to City Council—request to report on non-agenda items**

(the monthly report to City Council will be made by the moderator of the meeting. The report made will address all items on the Community Forum agenda for the month. A request for reporting on non-agenda items will occur at Community Forum to ensure pertinent non-agenda are reported as well).

Mr. Christiansen will present.

Moderator for the next meeting will be **Mr. Stevens**.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Christine Ross*

Christine Ross  
Secretary, Office of Neighborhoods

\*Copies of any handouts and referenced documents at this meeting are on file in the City Clerk's Office