



## Community Forum Minutes

**Date:** September 26, 2019  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Location:** City Council Chambers  
140 W. Pine Street, Missoula, MT

During the meeting, please remember to 1) Be recognized by the moderator before speaking, 2) Turn on your microphone. 3) State your name. 4) Speak clearly, 4-5 inches away from your microphone.

### 1. Administrative business

#### 1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ray Aten in the City Council Chambers at 140 West Pine Street

#### 1.2 Roll call by neighborhood council

**Members present:** Antony Jo, Captain John Mullan; Ray Aten, Farviews/Pattee Canyon; Davis Rittsema, Franklin to the Fort; Colleen Biehl, Lewis and Clark; Robert Schultz, Lower Rattlesnake; Jack Walton, Miller Creek; Carol Garlington, Moose Can Gully; Randall Gunn, Northside/Westside; Nick Shontz, River Road; Ed Nolder, Riverfront; Julie Devlin, Rose Park; Jeff Stevens, South 39th St; Mark Foss, Southgate Triangle; Kate Laney, Two Rivers; Bryce Rowe, University District; Bev Young, Upper Rattlesnake.

**Members absent:** Grant Creek, Heart of Missoula

**Others present:** Mayor John Engen; Donna Gaukler, Director Missoula Parks & Recreation; Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator; Karen Gasvoda, Program Assistant; Marley Merchen, Community Outreach Assistant; Heidi West, City Council Liaison.

#### 1.3 Determination of quorum

A quorum was present.

#### 1.4 \*Adoption of agenda

Jack Walton moved to approve the agenda, Julie Devlin seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

#### 1.5 \*Approval of minutes

Carol Garlington moved to approve the minutes. Robert Schultz seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

### 2. Public comment on non-agenda items from audience

Tom Javens from the Upper/Lower Rattlesnake transportation committee made a comment about the need for safe trails in the Upper and Lower Rattlesnake area for bike safety.

### **3. Presentations**

#### **3.1 FY 2020 Budget - Mayor John Engen, City of Missoula**

Mayor John Engen presented on the fiscal year 2020 Budget. He discussed the lowering of mill levies, the total taxes and assessments converted to mills, the taxable values in the community, value of newly taxable property, the tax increment district value, the revenue per capita for fiscal year 2020, the mill value per capita, an overview of budget resources, the FY 2019 budget performance, and fee resolutions. Mayor Engen also answered questions and concerns about the budget.

#### **3.2 Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Projects in FY20 - Donna Gaukler, Director, Missoula Parks & Recreation**

Donna Gaukler presented on Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Projects in fiscal year 2020. She discussed neighborhood projects that Parks and Recreation have helped with, the Open Space Bond, the top five desired improvements, City "Undertakings", Clark Fork River Sustainable Access and Restoration Project, Open Space Reforestation Project, Missoula Conservation Lands Trailhead Improvement Projects, and 2019 Open Space Bond Request Summary. She also answered questions about these projects.

### **4. \*Neighborhood project funds**

### **5. Neighborhood Council and Community Forum**

#### **5.1 Nominate Community Forum leadership team members**

Doug Grimm, Ray Aten, and Jeff Stevens nominated themselves for another term on the Community Forum leadership team, and the nomination will be voted on at the next Community Forum meeting.

### **6. Special events**

### **7. Reports**

#### **7.1 Staff Reports**

##### **7.1.1 Jane Kelly**

Jane Kelly reported on the Candidate forums and how to access them on Channel 190 on MCAT and in the Missoula Current Facebook page. She also discussed the Grant deadline of October 29 at 5:00 PM

##### **7.1.2 Karen Gasvoda**

##### **7.1.3 Marley Merchen**

Marley Merchen reported on moderator signup sheets

#### **7.2 Neighborhood Council reports**

**Ed Nolder, Riverfront:** Reported on the upcoming General Meeting October 23 as well as the stripping of 5th and 6th street.

**Mark Foss Southgate Triangle:** reported on the new traffic signal box at the mall

**Jeff Stevens South 39th:** reported on the leadership team meeting on September 23, 2019

**Jack Walton Miller Creek:** no report

**Robert Schultz Lower Rattlesnake:** reported on the September 8, 2019 ice cream social.

**Antony Jo Captain John Mullan:** reported on the leadership team meeting on September 24, 2019 and the upcoming General meeting on October 3, 2019

**Ray Aten Farviews Pattee Canyon:** reported on the General Meeting on September 12, 2019.

**Carol Garlington Moose Can Gully:** reported on the joint leadership team meeting with South 39th and gave an update about the online Neighborhood Priorities survey

**Davis Ritsema Franklin to the Fort:** reported on the September 10, 2019 leadership team meeting and partnering with Two Rivers.

**Kate Laney Two Rivers:** reported on being able to have joint meeting with Franklin to the Fort

**Colleen Biehl Lewis and Clark:** reported on the September 4, 2019 General meeting and the updates of the birding area in Bancroft ponds

**Nick Shontz River Road:** reported on the September 11, 2019 General meeting.

**Julie Devlin Rose Park:** reported on the leadership team meeting on September 25, 2019 and the September 8, 2019 General meeting.

**Bev Young Upper Rattlesnake:** reported on bears in the neighborhood and a deer paper on deer written by Bill Rudiger a few years ago and the new bike skills park.

**Bryce Rowe University District:** reported on the upcoming General meeting on October 1, 2019

### **7.3 City Council liaison report**

Heidi West reported on the land use and planning committees and upcoming public hearings. She also discussed the agreement with the national institute of health and what this will involve.

### **7.4 Discussion of the Moderator's report to City Council - Ray Aten, October 7, 2019**

Carol Garlington will do the City council report in Ray's absence

## **8. Announce next meeting moderator - Mark Foss, October 24, 2019**

Mark Foss will moderate the next Community Forum meeting.

## **9. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.