



Community Forum Minutes

Date: July 25, 2019
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: City Council Chambers
140 W. Pine Street, Missoula, MT

1. Administrative business

1.1 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jeff Stevens in the City Council Chambers at 140 West Pine Street

1.2 Roll call by neighborhood council

Members present: Lianna Waller, Captain John Mullan; Ray Aten, Farviews/Pattee Canyon; Bert Lindler, Grant Creek; Colleen Biehl, Lewis and Clark; Danny Tenenbaum, Lower Rattlesnake; Carol Garlington, Moose Can Gully; Randall Gunn, Northside/Westside; Ed Nolder, Riverfront; Melissa Neidigh, River Road; Mike Painter, Rose Park; Jeff Stevens, South 39th St; Mark Foss, Southgate Triangle; Bryce Rowe, University District; Doug Grimm, Upper Rattlesnake

Members absent: Franklin to the Fort, Heart of Missoula, Miller Creek, Two Rivers

Other present: John Conner, Bancroft Steering Committee; Lillian Nelson; Ed Wetherbee, Old Sawmill District; 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

Doug Grimm moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

1.5 *Approval of minutes

Doug Grimm moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. Public comment on non-agenda items from audience

There was no public comment.

3. Presentations

3.1 Update on 44 Ranch Park - Lianna Waller

Lianna Waller presented on the 44 Ranch Park playground development. She discussed where 44 Ranch is, what the park started as, how the project got started, the steps taken by neighbors, the park development and design, how support was gained, fundraising and collection of funds, donation of play piece by Spectrum Aquatics, and phase two of the project.

3.2 Bancroft Trail - John Conner

John Conner discussed the Bancroft Pond Trail project at Bancroft Ponds Park. He explained he idea behind the project, and what makes the project successful. He showed pictures of the work, and explained what is left to do.

3.3 Van Buren Soil Wall Mural - Lillian Nelson

Lillian Nelson was rescheduled for another day.

3.4 Old Sawmill District update - Ed Wetherbee

Ed Wetherbee presented on the Old Sawmill District. He discussed the Sawyer Student Living, a restaurant in the Old Sawmill district called the Sawmill Grill, an upcoming concert, and the next level of work in the District. He also answered questions about development.

4. *Neighborhood project funds

4.1 ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center Snow Shovel Grant

Carol Garlington moved to approve the grant request, with the Community Forum leadership team's strong encouragement to secure a \$20 deposit/shovel to ensure return of the shovels. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

4.2 Re-scoping of the Slant Street Gateway Grant

On the behalf of the Rose Park Neighborhood Council leadership team, Mike Painter expressed their support of re-scoping a large and a small grant for the Slant Street Gateway project. The Slant Street Gateway project has been without a coordinator and has been dormant for many years. The Rose Park leadership team would like to re-scope the grants and leverage these funds toward the current neighborhood playground project. Jeff Stevens made a comment about limiting the amount time of grant can remain unused. Bryce Rowe motioned to support the re-scoping of the large and small grants. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

4.3 Large Grant Funding Recommendation

The Neighborhood Project Fund (NPF) committee members held a discussion about increasing large grants from up to \$3,000 each to a maximum amount of \$6,000. NPF committee members commented on this change and the possible implications this may have. They also answered questions about this change. Doug Grimm motioned to approve changing the maximum large grant amount of \$3000 to up to \$6000 per grant. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

5. Neighborhood Council and Community Forum

5.1 Nominate Community Forum Leadership Team members

Karen asked for a volunteer to join the Community Forum leadership team. Bryce Rowe nominated himself to join the 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 was not present

7.1.2 Karen Gasvoda

Karen Gasvoda mentioned the large grant workshop on September 16, 2019, and the October 29, 2019 deadline for large grant submittals

7.1.3 Marley Merchen

Marley Merchen had no report.

7.2 Neighborhood Council reports

Mark Foss, Southgate Triangle: Presented on the ice cream social on August 4, 2019 in Boyd Park.

Bert Lindler, Grant Creek: Presented on wildfire preparedness in the Grant Creek Neighborhood and possible grant money for work on developing fire safe houses.

Danny Tenenbaum, Lower Rattlesnake: Reported on the new crosswalk with Lower Rattlesnake to help access the Waterworks Trail, as well as the leadership team meeting on July 29, 2019 and the upcoming ice cream social.

Mike Painter, Rose Park: Reported on the leadership team meeting on July 24, 2019, the need for volunteers for the Kaboom! Playground build day, and the general meeting on September 8, 2019.

Bryce Rowe, University District: Discussed the next leadership team meeting and discussion of ADA accessibility on Higgins Ave. Bridge.

Ray Aten, Farviews/Pattee Canyon: Reported on the general meeting coming up September 5, 2019.

Jeff Stevens, South 39th; Gave an update on Hillview crossing.

Ed Nolder, Riverfront; Reported on the joint leadership team and stadium taskforce meeting, planning for upcoming events and improvements to the Stadium, and the re-striping of 5th and 6th street for better bike and pedestrian access.

Randall Gunn, Northside/Westside; Reported on the leadership team meeting on July 29, 2019 as well as the upcoming general meeting on August 14, 2019.

Carol Garlington Moose Can Gully; Reported on the Moose Can Gully leadership team meeting on July 22, 2019. She also mentioned the priorities questionnaire that they sent out to the neighborhoods and the responses that were sent back.

Melissa Neidigh, River Road; Reported on the leadership team meeting on July 17, 2019 and the upcoming general meeting September 11, 2019.

Colleen Biehl, Lewis and Clark; Reported on the upcoming general meeting on September 4, 2019.

Doug Grimm. Upper Rattlesnake; Reported on the current fire in the Upper Rattlesnake and some history about the neighborhood.

Lianna Waller, Captain John Mullan; Reported on the leadership team meeting on July 15, 2019 and the new development.

7.3 City Council liaison report

Heidi West reported on the budget presentations at City Council and discussed where to see the budgets requests online. She also discussed upcoming public hearings on the budget on August 14, other public hearings coming up, and what has been approved. She also answered questions.

7.4 Report to City Council - Jeff Stevens, August 5, 2019

Jeff Stevens will give a report on this meeting to City Council on August 5, 2019.

8. Announce next meeting moderator - Julie Devlin, August 22, 2019

Julie Devlin will moderate the next Community Forum meeting.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.