

Joint Moose Can Gully / South 39th St. Neighborhood Council

Leadership Team

Meeting Minutes

Date: Jan. 9, 2018

Time: 6:00pm – 7:45pm

Location: Jack Reidy Conference Room 140 W. Pine Street, Missoula Mt

Present: Paul Kilzer, Janet Van Dyke, Ariel Cornelius, Carol Garlington, Jennifer Stephens, Karen Gasvoda, Jeff Stevens, Betsy Weber

Others Present: Montana James and Claire Foley, Office of Housing & Community Development

The meeting was moderated by Janet Van Dyke.

1. Approval of Aug. 30, 2018 and Oct. 22, 2018 meeting notes.
 - a. Carol Garlington Motioned, Ariel Cornelius Seconded and approved by all
2. Housing policy updates – Montana James, City of Missoula Housing and Community Development, Grants Administrator III
 - a. Overall goal was to discuss the housing policy for Missoula
 - b. A presentation was given on the current efforts to develop a comprehensive housing policy in Missoula. She noted that, while Montana law does not require cities to have a housing policy, other cities in the US have comprehensive housing policies, and Mayor Engen and the City Council have enacted a plan to develop one and thereby address a wide range of housing barriers in Missoula.
 - c. Be looking for community involvement to come out after March 19th
 - d. Questions: Is there any specific feedback we can get from people in our neighborhood to help with this process?
 - i. It is a little too early because we do not have our complete recommendations. We wanted to reach out to you so we could have this conversation, go to meetings, and get community feedback.
 - ii. We hope to have recommendations out by the end of February to early March
 - e. Question: Where did this drive start?
 - i. Missoula is not required by state law to create a housing policy. This group was driven by city council and the mayor to address the housing concerns.
 - f. Questions: Did you meet with the public from the community early on for recommendations or topics?
 - i. We worked mainly with focus groups, the housing steering meeting, and individual meetings with the technical sectors like architecture. We had no community outreach until we have goals. We will have a public comment period. From there, we could add the recommendations to the policy or even rework the policy.
3. Survey Questions – Jennifer Stephens
 - a. No new items on the survey question front
 - b. Neighborhood Council Leadership focused attention on all neighborhood priorities
 - i. Highlighted issues across the board with all neighborhoods include walk to school paths, lighted sidewalks, and neighborhood watch
 - ii. [City-wide Neighborhood Priorities](#)
 - c. Starting these actions would get more people involved
 - d. City council needs to look at these issues and we need to encourage these items to be addressed to the council
 - e. Do we want someone to report to the community forum to address these issues?

- i. Urban deer are a problem, not at the top of this list, but seen across the priorities throughout the neighborhood
 - ii. Who should we get to further an urban deer study? Can we get a study started by city council?
 - iii. How or why are people concerned about urban deer? Should we create a survey regarding this topic.
 - iv. Deer are an issue that we cannot address alone. We need to work with other neighborhoods at the community forum
 - v. Carol Garlington will present at the community forum.
 - f. We will do a survey at the next General Meeting in June
 - i. Jennifer motioned we table the survey to a later day (March timeframe), it was seconded, and motioned
 - 1. It would also be great if we collaboratively develop the survey with all neighborhood councils across the board. We would like to work with the community forum to reach a broader group of people with the intention to send out before the general meeting.
 - a. Motioned amendment, seconded, and approved
 - g. We need to address the overall neighborhood issues. We need to really start the discussion on all, including weeds, street maintenance, and homelessness/transients
 - i. We need to invite specialists in these areas to our neighborhood general meeting
4. Missoula Downtown Master Plan Update – Karen Gasvoda
 - a. Charrette Week with the Downtown Missoula Partnership
 - i. This group is meeting to discuss the variety of issues with the downtown area and is open to the public. Schedule is posted online on the Downtown Missoula Partnership page. [Downtown Missoula Partnership](#)
 - ii. January 14-January 18
5. Neighborhood Trees – Janet Van Dyke
 - a. Group started to discuss the dying trees across Missoula, research what trees were in the neighborhoods, and develop a future tree plan for the neighborhoods.
 - b. Planting will start in 2020
 - c. [Desirable Tree List](#)
6. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Karen Gasvoda
 - a. Working on the Local Citizens Academy, it starts next Tuesday. 35 people will be attending and we had a lot of interest.
 - i. Sessions will also be showing on MCAT. Sessions are Tuesday evenings for 2 hours.
 - ii. Delay for MCAT showing is unknown. We will update in newsletter and online.
7. Community Forum Report - Carol Garlington
 - a. Two meetings Occurred since our last meeting, topics include:
 - i. Garden City Solar, Open Space Bond and Stewardship, Design Excellence, Citizenship Academy, City wide Concerns, Downtown Partnership, Mountain Lion, and Community Forum Leadership changes
8. Public comment on non-agenda items
 - a. Signal Boxes issues with cost. Signal Box artwork costs \$1500 per box. Over 50 boxes have been painted. What is the city doing to limit spending? Where do we draw a line when people can't afford to live in Missoula. Housing needs to be affordable and lower [Art Revolution 2018 City of Missoula Public Art Guide](#)

- i. Office of Neighborhood Councils is provided \$20,000
 - ii. \$18,000 is for large grants for the neighborhoods
 - b. Where does our budget money go if we do not spend it?
 - i. It gets re-allocated or goes back into the general funds
 - ii. Can we get parts of our budget to fund study
 - c. Why are leaves picked up in our neighborhood after Thanksgiving
 - i. It is the map for pickup and our neighborhoods are almost last for pickup
 - d. Can we also use less paper and ink for sustainability?
- 9. Announcements

Note taker: Ariel Cornelius