

Grant Creek Neighborhood Council General Meeting

May 15, 2019 7 p.m. Grant Creek Inn

Bears—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Jennifer Fortin-Noreus discussed black bear and future potential grizzly bear activity in the Grant Creek Area. Preventing conflicts is the key to living with bears. She recommended following the guidelines at the Missoulabears.org web site.

Proposed North Hills Bluebird Trailhead—Representatives from Five Valleys Land Trust, the Missoula Open Space Program and Montana Snowbowl discussed Five Valleys' acquisition of 124 acres adjoining the Snowbowl parking lot by the Town Pump at the mouth of Grant Creek. Montana Snowbowl has donated a permanent access easement from the parking lot to the newly acquired parcel. Five Valleys hopes that the Missoula Open Space Program will acquire the property as a new trailhead for the North Hills. A motion was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote for the Grant Creek Neighborhood Council to write a letter in support of the city's acquisition of the proposed trailhead.

Wildfire Preparedness—Max Rebholz, wildfire preparedness coordinator for the county Office of Emergency Management, discussed the opportunities individuals have to seek help in preparing their home to survive wildfire. Free evaluations are available by contacting Rebholz at mrebholz@missoulacounty.us 880-8090.

Additional Southbound Lanes at the I-90/Grant Creek Road Interchange—Plans for the proposed 2020 construction provide for a left turn lane and two through lanes south onto Reserve Street, and a bike lane between the right-turn lane and the adjacent southbound through lane.

Comments by City Council Members—Council Members Jordan Hess and Mirtha Becerra discussed the city's draft affordable housing proposal and the favorable financing of the city's debt for purchase of the water system. Audience members questioned them about the need to clearly mark the northbound lanes at the I-90/Grant Creek Road interchange so motorists know where they're supposed to be if they're turning left, going straight, or turning right.

Leadership Team Election—Bert Lindler nominated Chris Wihlborg of the newly annexed Canyon Creek neighborhood to the Grant Creek Neighborhood Council leadership team. Dennis Muth seconded the nomination. Wihlborg was elected for a two-year term by unanimous voice vote. No one was nominated for leadership team vacancies for the Glen Eagle and Windsor Park neighborhoods.

Public Comments on Nonagenda Items—None.

Adjournment—9 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ron Larsen and Bert Lindler