

Southgate Triangle NC General Meeting

Wednesday, April 09, 2008 7:00 PM Southgate Mall Community Room

Those present (who signed in): Mr. Wayne Gravatt, Mr. Greg Larson, Mr. John E. Cuplin, Mr. Ed Childers, Mr. Leon Stalcup, Mr. Stan Skousen, Mrs. Connie Skousen, Mr. Steve Wheatley, Ms. Jane Duncan, Ms. Renee Mitchell (Ward 5 City Councilwoman), Ms. Helen Kolokotronis and Ms. Carol Brodie.

Matt Baldassin welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:07 and gave a brief introduction of the purpose of the neighborhood council and every citizens' role in the council.

The meeting began by asking the public to consider the proposed vision statement (with a vote to occur later in the meeting).

City council members, Dick Haines (Ward 5) and Ed Childers (Ward 6) introduced themselves. Jeff Curtis from the Quality of Life division of the Missoula Police Department introduced himself as well.

Ryan Sutherland read the minutes from the previous meeting, Bob Avery made a motion to approve the minutes and Hans Christianson seconded. Unanimous vote followed by all present.

The leadership team then introduced themselves (Bob Avery, Matt Baldassin, Hans Christianson, Ryan Sutherland were present from the team).

Treasurer's Report was given by Hans Christianson. Our account balance is \$9.37 until June. Mr. Avery made a motion that we accept the report – Mr. Leon Stalcup seconded and everyone voted unanimously to accept it as reported.

Date	Description	Amount
2007-2008	Annual Support	747.02
2005	Missoulain Grant for McLeod Park	2000.00
3-12-08	Account Balance (Acct #1000.223.410113)	\$2747.02
8-15-07	Albertson's (political forum) - PAID	-15.26
April 2008	Sign Pro (lettering on sign boards) – OUTSTANDING	-22.80
April 2008	The Directory (April 2008 mailing – 1253@\$.4605 each) - OUTSTANDING	-577.02
April 2008	Carole Ulrigg (reimburse Staples printing) - OUTSTANDING	-176.30
TOTAL OUTSTANDING BILL		-791.38
Balance – Mail Supplement Account		53.73
4-9-08	ENDING BALANCE	9.37

Old Business:

The McCloud Park "Pet" was introduced. There was discussion about location of the "Pet" and what the purpose was. Mr. Childers made a motion that we purchase the "Pet" (and that the "Pet" be a dog) and Mr. Sutherland seconded - everyone voted unanimously to purchase the "Pet."

Bellevue Park Development was discussed - the details are yet to be determined - the leadership team has begun the pre-development process (history of the park, ownership of land around the park, etc.). Mr. Baldassin made a call out for assistance of others in the neighborhood - the leadership team does not have the resources or manpower to make this development happen. Mr. Christianson gave a report about the progress of the historical research of the area. Stan Skousen of 3711 Bellecrest (721-4030) is interested in helping with the project.

The Midtown Association beautification project was reported on by Mr. Bob Avery. Mr. Avery's role is to find out what residents would like to see in terms of making the businesses of the SGT more beautiful. If SGT residents have input, please contact Mr. Avery or Mr. Mike Size of the Midtown Association (549-2265 or

mikesize@communitybankmissoula.com). The MTA has a website: www.missoulamidtown.com if residents of the SGT would like more information. Mr. Avery asked if anyone had any feedback on this right now. A woman raised the issue of the trees along Russell near the fairgrounds. Mr. Baldassin mentioned the lot at the corner of Johnson & South and the lot just to the north of McDonald's on Brooks Street.

Mr. Baldassin encouraged residents to attend the Neighborhood Council Training Series (contact LaNette Diaz - neighborhood council liaison - for details/questions).

The Secretary Position was discussed - the former secretary had to resign. Mr. Avery nominated Ryan Sutherland to be secretary of the Leadership Team. Mr. Christianson spoke in favor of this nomination. The nomination was seconded and voted on unanimously.

The website will be updated soon. Citizens are encouraged to provide the leadership team with their email addresses so we can stay in better communication.

New Business:

Urban Fringe Development Area (UFDA) - presentation by Ms. Lavelle Means & Mr. Mike Barton of the Office of Planning & Grants. The information from this presentation is available on the OPG website.

Presentation by Mr. Jeff Curtis of the Missoula Police Department concerning the Quality of Life of residents. Mr. Curtis provided some information on how to deal with conflict between neighbors without calling the police. He explained the process when he is called out for neighborly disturbance. Several residents asked for advice on how to handle several situations.

Mr. Baldassin asked if anyone had any questions about zoning. Mr. Childers made the point that most people don't really know who they can talk to about zoning questions. Mr. Barton encouraged people to either call OPG or come by the office and ask their questions. There is a zoning desk staffed 8-5 M-F at the office of OPG.

Mr. Phil Smith from the Transportation Office came to discuss the traffic circles immediately north of South Ave. 6 bids to build the permanent circles have been received and all 6 are acceptable. He expects the council to approve the project and that construction will begin in the next month. The locations of these circles are:

- Sussex & Washburn
- Kent & Washburn
- Central & Catlin
- Garfield & Sussex
- Central & Sussex

There was a lot of discussion and several questions for Mr. Smith concerning these traffic circles.

Mr. Baldassin then asked the council to consider the vision presented at the beginning of tonight's meeting and keeping in line with that vision, he introduced Mr. Nick Roberts of the Missoula Food Bank to present the needs that exist within our own neighborhood. He is the former neighborhood liaison. Mr. Roberts provided a short presentation highlighting some opportunities through the Food Bank to become more in tune with the needs of our neighborhood.

Mr. Baldassin asked for feedback about the proposed vision statement. A motion was made to adopt the vision, it was seconded and all voted unanimously.

Mr. Avery moved that the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Sutherland seconded. Mr. Baldassin adjourned the meeting.