

**Moose Can Gully (MCG) and South 39th Joint Neighborhood Council Leadership
Team (LT) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 5:30PM Virtual Zoom**

MCG Neighborhood Council LT Present: Carol Garlington, Betsy Weber, Janet Van Dyke

MCG LT Absent: None

South 39th Street Neighborhood Council LT Present: Paul Kilzer, Ruth Burke

South 39th LT Absent: Jeff Stevens, Dave Bell, David Touchette

City Staff Present: Kalina Wickham-Neighborhood Specialist, Kelly Elam-Missoula Neighborhoods Program Coordinator

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Paul Kilzer.

2. **Introductions and Roll Call** Kelly reported calling both David Touchette and Dave Bell who wish to continue on the South 39th LT.
David Touchette and Jeff Stevens have both expressed difficulty meeting virtually.
Kelly introduced Kalina Wickham, our new Neighborhood Specialist. Kalina described her education, background and interest in engaging with Neighborhood Councils and Leadership Teams.
No City Council representatives were present. Stacie Anderson had been sent an invitation earlier today by Kelly. LT members requested that Ward 4 & 5 representatives be invited to our meetings at the time notice was sent to members.

3. **Approve Minutes for November 17, 2021 meeting** Paul requested a wording change in Item 5—from “not net” to “not yet” on line 8. Carol moved to approve the minutes with this revision. Second by Janet. All approved.

4. **Presentation: Missoula Compost Organic Waste Collection - Jennifer and Sean Doty**
Jennifer and Sean were not present on the call, it was decided they had not received the meeting reschedule notice after an errant cancellation was sent. Kelly will call them to explain and invite them to the next meeting.

5. **Urban Deer--Next Steps** Carol described reporting on the urban deer issue to Community Forum, specifically asking for feedback from City Council on the

status of our effort to complete an urban deer study as requested in our [10/2019 Neighborhood Project Funds \(NPF\) grant application](#). Gwen Jones- new City Council liaison to the Community Forum- was discouraged about the possibility of anything being done.

Urban deer are recognized as a priority in multiple Missoula Neighborhoods. Ruth reported that a neighbor's dog was killed by a deer in the homeowner's backyard last fall.

Paul mentioned the many hours involved in our [10/2019 NPF grant application](#). He referred to the irregular process in which our S39th/MCG Neighborhoods' October 2019 application for NPF grant funding of a proposed urban deer study in Missoula was removed from competition by Mayor Engen and City Council Chair Bryan von Lossberg, who said that this study would be funded by the City through another source (see the minutes of the [11/19/2019 NPF Grant Committee meeting](#) and the MCG/S39th Street Neighborhood Council Leadership Team meetings of [11/25/2019](#) and [1/27/2020](#)).

On January 28, 2020, Ruth and Paul met with Mr. von Lossberg, Dr. Millspaugh, and UM students at UM. The COVID-19 pandemic intervened, and we have received no subsequent communications on the proposed urban deer study.

Ruth offered to attend the next Neighborhood Improvement Grant meeting January 26th to inquire about resubmitting our NPF application to bring it back to the forefront.

6. Community Forum Report - Carol Garlington

In addition to the Urban Deer report (see #5 above) Carol described Gwen Jones reporting on pressing budget issues before the City Council, including raises for staff and expanding the mobile crisis unit, as well as utility (water) rates, and various aspects of the marijuana rollout.

Carol also asked Kelly and Kalina if it would be acceptable and legal to distribute notes about Community Forum meetings to our leadership team shortly after the meetings by email instead of waiting until the next leadership team meeting. They said that would be fine.

7. Missoula Neighborhoods Report - Kelly Elam Kelly reported the following:

- Hiring of Kalina Wickham as Neighborhood Specialist
- New Bylaws format sent to LT members
- Neighborhood Project Fund Grants due March 18, 2022

With LT members unclear about bylaws format, Kelly offered to re-send them, requesting LT members suggest changes appropriate to our Neighborhoods. Paul inquired about the need for a bylaws change, having revised them in [June 2019](#). Kelly responded that a consultant had recommended it since several items were obsolete (e.g., 2-year terms for LT members).

Paul inquired about the Neighborhood Resource page revisions requested at our 11/17/2021 meeting. The “What is important to the ___ neighborhood council” pages for MCG and S39th Street neighborhoods also need to be updated. Kelly agreed to send them out to members in WORD format for review and revisions.

8. Public Comment on non-agenda items

No members of the public were present.

9. Announcements (none)

10. Next Meeting February 16, 2022 5:30 PM Virtual Zoom

Invite our respective City Council members Ward 5: Stacie Anderson and John Contos, Ward 4: Amber Sherrill and Mike Nugent

Agenda items: Missoula Compost (Sean and Jennifer Doty), Urban Deer update, Bylaws revisions, Neighborhood Resources revisions.

11. Adjourn Carol moved that the meeting be adjourned, second by Ruth. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Betsy Weber, Secretary