

Franklin to Fort Neighborhood Council Meeting

Minutes February 22, 2011

I. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Introductions:
- b. Review Agenda
- c. Minutes of last meeting
- d. Treasurer's report: Mailing Supplement balance is \$1609.58 (includes Towne Mailer remaining credit of \$442.33) and the General budget balance (after rent for Feb thru June) is \$496.73.
- e. Comments: Items not on the agenda

II. Alderman Report: Mainly watching State Legislature.

- o Council passed GLBT rights ordinance. The opposition went to the state legislation and they are poised to overturn our ordinance. Governor might veto.
- o Missoula Council passed a Special District for roads and parks to continue funding. We had push back they went to Legislature-trying to pass a law to restrict towns from creating special district.

III. River Road Neighborhood

Paul Chamberlin and Kim Walterskirchen from River Road Neighborhood came to F2F meeting to let us know about a zoning issue in their neighborhoods. The proposed change in zoning is from a very low zoning to a higher density zoning (43 units/acre. The proposed river Road zoning change is exactly the same as is in the main part of Franklin. Many of us who support Franklin Neighborhood live in the "45" zoning. Catlin, the street on which this development (across from Sussex School) is placed is 'C', Commercial. How it is developed depends on the developer. River Road Neighborhood Council voted unanimously to reject this exemption. Final vote on the zoning by the City Council is in early March. Franklin to Fort chose not to take a position.

IV. Business: Elections

- a. Reviewed the Bylaws: Council can decide on how many meetings per year; can appoint
- b. Nominations:
 - o Judy Hewitt and Mark McMillin each have one more year.
 - o Janet Fiero, Marie Lattuada, Justin Kangy (terms to be determined at first meeting.)
- c. Vote: Three new people voted in by acclamation to the Leadership Team
- d. New Leadership Team: Judy Hewitt, Mark McMillin, Janet Fiero, Marie Lattuada, Justin Kangy

III. Program

a. Susan Barmeyer, “Healthy Start Council”

- Missoula Forum for Children & Youth to address risky behavior. Promotes after school programs. Flagship Program started by Forum and has moved on to be independent.
- Healthy Start Council targets young children—giving them a healthy start. Parenting Place allows parents a few hours off—parents night out. Gap in services for parents of young children.
- Neighborhoods are important to build strong and good kids. Neighbors can offer help and ask for help of each other.
- Times are changing. More single family households. More stress. Two parent working.
- **How can neighborhoods reach out and help families?**
 - Already have Franklin Park, Franklin School, Neighborhood Council, etc. Other ideas handed out
 - Start a neighborhood group. Focus on safety, neighborhood improvement, or just having fun!
 - Create spaces in your neighborhood where adults and children can gather—benches near basketball hoop or jungle gym, for example.
 - Hold gathers of adults and kids throughout the year —picnics, barbecue, pumpkin carving, or game days.
 - Organize a neighborhood book swap. Ask neighbors to donate books they already read and have everyone come
 - Organize a neighborhood check-in program. Form small clusters and check in with each other on a regular basis. If someone needs help or support, gather a group to pitch in and help out.
 - Have ‘safe houses” that are clearly marked where kids can go if they need help.
 - Drive slowly so that it’s safe for kids to play in front yards.
 - Take walks through the neighborhood on a regular basis and admire the flowers. Get to know the dogs, acknowledge the kids, and talk to neighbors.
 - Learn the names of all the kids on the block. Remember that the sound of skateboarding or other play means that kids are doing something constructive— they’re getting exercise and not getting into trouble.
 - Adopt a sr. citizen on the block and watch out for him/her. Kids can help!
 - Get the kids on the block involved in drawing up a neighborhood map and creating a phone tree network.

b. David Lowenwarter, “Fill The Gap”

- Reducing heat loss in residential homes.
- Snow melting on the roof means that there is heat loss.
- If building choose a wall over a window
- Shrink wrap windows

- Putty rope covers gaps and can be rolled up and used the following year
- Check insulation—Need about R49 with about 6 inches.
- Look for tax credits 10% Fed and 25% State and rebates.
- More loss thru foundation than other places.
- Insulation in walls become compressed leaving air pockets.
- e. John Newman, OPG: Russell/3rd Zoning and overlay
 - Record of decision from the Highway department coming soon
 - Looked at zoning on both sides of 3rd and Russell. What needs to happen to create the ambience. Mainly looking at Russell from 3rd to the river.
 - Map Amendment: Expand the overlay from earlier study to include more land for commercial use..
 - Examples of Text Amendments:
 - Front setbacks may not exceed 60 feet in depth.
 - Buildings may not exceed the maximum height limit of the underlying zoning district or 45 feet which ever is less.