

**Moose Can Gully Neighborhood Council  
General Meeting  
Chief Charlo School  
Wednesday, April 13, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Lyle Geurts at 7:05 PM with 15 in attendance.

Business Meeting:

- Introduced Jane Kelly from the Office of Neighborhoods
- Announcements:
  - June 3 - First Friday Photo Exhibition 5-8 PM, Missoula Art Museum
    - Features photos submitted by community members about what makes Missoula neighborhoods great places to live
    - Moose Can Gully neighborhood photos can still be downloaded to [www.ci.missoula.mt.us/neighboradays](http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/neighboradays)
    - Bullet points that address why we are most proud of our neighborhoods will be displayed. Submit Moose Can Gully suggestions to Lyle Guerts at 251-2169 or pamlylej@imt.net
  - June 5 – Sunday Streets – Higgins Avenue downtown
    - Noon – Mayor Engen will issue a proclamation and we'll sing Happy Birthday to Neighborhood Councils
    - For more information go to [www.ci.missoula.mt.us/neighboradays](http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/neighboradays)
  - June 11 – Moose Can Gully Neighborhood Hike & Picnic
    - 11 AM – meet at Garland Park at the corner of Garland and 23<sup>rd</sup> .
    - An hour hike on neighborhood trails followed by a picnic provided by the Neighborhood Council.
- Elections:
  - A call was made for volunteers/nominations for the following vacant two-year term Leadership Team positions
    - Two Co-Chairpersons
    - Community Forum Liaison and Alternate
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer
  - Lyle Geurts, Community Forum Representative, Mary Lou Chigbrow, Treasurer, and Linda Frey, Co-Chair volunteered to continue for another term. Mary Lou volunteered to take on the Secretary duties as well. No other volunteers came forward. A nomination was made and seconded to elect the above Leadership Team members for another two-year term.

Questions and Answers with City Council representatives Dick Haines and Renee Mitchell

- Missoula's 2012 Capital Improvement Plan meeting was cancelled. General discussion on Missoula budget and the State Legislature sessions.
- Nothing new on the Hillview road project and nothing has been heard on the status of 23<sup>rd</sup>. The new tax districts are uncharted territory but it is hoped that there will be some sort of priority for streets in need of improvement.

- Mention was made of an annex at Christian Drive and Linda Vista that may affect traffic flow on Gharrett. Nothing definite on that yet.

#### Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS) Building Levies and Operating Levies Vote May 3rd

- Lisa Hendrix, Principal, Meadow Hill School and David Rott, Principal, Chief Charlo school gave a presentation on the school levies up for renewal at the May 3, 2011 election
- These are renewal levies, **not** additional levies – the current levies expire this year
- The rates will be the same as the previous year
- There are two Building Reserve levies – Elementary and High school
  - Includes building maintenance, repair, and equipment
- There are also two Operating Levies – Elementary and High school
  - Includes instruction materials, extra-curricular programs, employee salaries, and insurance, electricity, natural gas and water
- There are also four Trustee Seats on the ballot
- Ballots will be mailed on April 18<sup>th</sup> – this is an all mail ballot election with no walk in voting. The ballots can be mailed or dropped off at a few locations
- See [www.mcps.k12mt.us](http://www.mcps.k12mt.us) for more information

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Initiative and Graduation Matters

- Alex Apostle discussed Missoula County Public Schools three major initiatives
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Model – on how best to prepare our kids for success
  - Graduation Matters – to reduce the drop out rate in high schools to achieve 100 percent graduation.
    - Drop-outs have been reduced by 47 percent
  - Academic Achievement for all
  - See [www.mcps.k12mt.us](http://www.mcps.k12mt.us) for more information

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Submitted by Mary Lou Chigbrow, Moose Can Gully Neighborhood Council Secretary