

**Southgate Triangle Neighborhood Council  
Leadership Team Meeting and Neighborhood Social  
September 14, 2011**

Leadership team members present: Hans Christiansen, Christine Ross, Erik West

Others in attendance: Ed Childers, Pat Childers, Bob Martin, Janine Martin, Heather, Jeremy Keene, couple children

**The gathering commenced at 6:00 PM under the pavilion in McLeod Park with food and social time.**

**The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.**

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Treasurer's Report:** there will be expenditures processed for this meeting and social to reflect next month.

**Review & Approve minutes from June 2011 meeting:**

Erik West made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2011 meeting, Bob Martin seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Meeting notes were produced July and August as there was no business conducted at these informational meetings, therefore nothing to approve. The notes were adequate.

**New Business**

- Jeremy Keene is here as a representative of the Midtown Association and he works for WGM Group which was hired to do a needs assessment in the neighborhood as part of the Missoula Redevelopment Agencies role in administering the funds for URD-III, which encompasses much of the neighborhood. He explained what designates an urban renewal district and the types of elements being assessed, which include: connectivity, public infrastructure, utilities, street lights (retrofitting), and energy efficiency upgrades to businesses. There are three years of funding left and he would like our input on needs to be included. He would like to do a presentation at the upcoming general meeting and start to gather input from the neighborhood. All agreed this would be a great item to present in October at the general meeting and Mr. Keene will be placed on the agenda.
- Communication from Mid-Town Association. It was expressed they would be happy to have a neighborhood representative attend, always welcome.
- Rezone request on 39<sup>th</sup> street did not pass. The NC would like to send thank you's to the representatives that voted in accordance with the NC and neighbors desires. Christine Ross will send those thank you's via email. There were lots of opinions expressed on how this process was not done in the best manner and that at least the representatives elected for wards 4 & 5 which comprise the neighborhoods which would be directly affected and whereby neighbors and property owners involved who expressed their views were listened too and actions taken accordingly. That was appreciated.
- Future communications to OPG-PAZ-CC  
It was expressed by many if not all present the fiasco the rezone request appeared to be in large part to lack of good communications stemming from city government, the confusion around several proposals combined into one request, the changing mid-stream of several components of the original request and the neighborhood council(s) not being included in the loop of communication or lack thereof. Christine Ross attended the Community Forum in Erik West's absence in June, and reiterated that this very topic was brought up and that Marty Rehbein took notes and comments were solicited if this is something that the Community Forum might want to address in the near future. The Community Forum indicated yes it was interested in streamlining and formulating a process whereby this type of thing did not happen again. She suggested following up on that and making sure it stays on the forefront and that something good come out of it.

**Old Business**

- Inspect McLeod Park facilities. The pavilion is older, rather small, but is functional. Would be nice to see upgraded improvements in this park as it is large and could accommodate more use. Consider the park as a possibility for the URD funds.

- Future of Website. Ryan Sutherland has not been in contact with the leadership team in regards to communications requesting information as to how to maintain the southgatetriangle.org site to determine if someone else will take on the responsibility. The yearly fee to keep the site was due August 1.
- Recommendations of By-Law Change. It has been an item on the agenda for months to review the Bylaws and see if there are any changes that are necessary as they have to be approved at a general meeting and there is one in October. It was decided to take a serious look at them in the coming week to review.
- Grant application items. Does the NC want to apply for grant(s) in the upcoming cycle for Boyd Park playground equipment and Bellevue Park fencing. Christine Ross shared that an email was sent to Donna Gaukler in June and she would be open to discussing both possibilities. She would like to have a meeting with interested parties.
- Community Forum report. Erik West was not prepared to provide a report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Ross