

**Southgate Triangle Neighborhood Council Leadership Team
Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2011**

Leadership team members present: Hans Christiansen, Christine Ross

Others in attendance: Ed Childers, Susan Barmeyer, a journalism student from UM covering an assignment

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM in the Community Room at Southgate Mall.

There was no public comment.

Healthy Start Council:

Susan Barmeyer with the Healthy Start Council program was present to inform on what the Missoula Forum for Children and Youth is all about. We had a discussion on "What Neighborhoods and Neighbors Can Do to Strengthen and Support Families" from a list she provided. Having parks and safe environments (traffic calming) are good elements to have in neighborhoods of which we have and are working on. Some good ideas of what we could do as future events were identified from that list.

Treasurer's Report: no new activity, therefore nothing to report.

New Business

- The Mid-Town Association meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 11:45-1:15 in the small conference room by the mall security entrance. The association will be having a social March 9th from 5:30-7:30 in the JC Penney Court area of the mall. <http://www.missoulamidtown.com/> It would be nice to have someone attend the monthly meetings and the social. Christine Ross said she would make attempts to attend.
- Discussion of how to proceed with traffic calming. Christine Ross will write a follow-up letter to the city after meeting with Phil Smith last fall to proceed with requesting the city to stripe McDonald Street as a first measure as the data compiled indicated would be warranted. The neighborhood would like to continue monitoring traffic levels and develop a plan with options/steps for future implementation if so warranted.
- Grant for Boyd Park. Consider applying for a grant in the next round for requests with the Office of Neighborhoods for matching funds for playground equipment for the already established fall zone.
- Plans for April GM including a mailing. In discussing items for a general meeting, it did not seem apparent there were any items to generate a large attendance. There is a desire to generate a newsletter with the meeting announcement as to make the best of our mailing supplement budget. It was decided to use the community service option for delivery. It was suggested to work on content for the newsletter thereby developing the content of our next general meeting to be held in May or June as an outside meeting/event at McLeod Park. It was suggested to review our bylaws and consider changes/updates if necessary.

Old Business

- Traffic calming: efforts will continue to determine if there is sufficient interest in developing a neighborhood plan.
- Neighborhood Watch Program: continue efforts to solicit membership and see if folks are willing to do a door-to-door campaign this year.
- Community Forum Report:
Christine Ross attended the January 27 meeting and reported that Mayor Engen reported on the status of the Neighborhood Liaison position vacancy and that a panel was being convened to determine how that position may be better defined in its structure within the city government model. If people have suggestions, send them to the Community Forum Leadership Team members Ray Aten and Greg Gullickson who are on the panel. They are looking at a 60-90 day period to formulate ideas.

The Office of Neighborhoods is coordinating a 15-year anniversary celebration of the establishment of neighborhood councils to be held in early June. An allocation of CF funds in the amount of \$800 for this event was approved. More information of how to participate and the details of what this celebration will encompass, will follow from the neighborhood office staff.

The active transportation plan is coming to a point of public comment.

Neighborhood project funds have been sent to City Council for recommendation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Ross