

Captain John Mullan
Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting
October 25, 2011 at 7:30 pm
Barnes & Noble Coffee Shop

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Present – Randy Johnson, Steve Schmidt, and Nathan Howard. Kathie Snodgrass arrived late after Mountain Line planning meeting

Absent – Rod Austin, and Josiah Hodge

5K Race for the Trail: Nathan reported that 22 people participated in the run, which produced \$370 for the trail. Nathan suggested that gas cards be purchased to fuel the snow plow to clear the trail this winter. The suggestion was approved unanimously. Nathan reported the bill from ProSweep for sweeping the trail earlier this summer that was turned in to the Office of Neighborhoods has apparently not been paid. He will check on it.

General Discussion: Nathan suggested that an interesting activity to build a sense of community for the neighborhood might be a series of sports activities with snacks provided. This will be discussed more at a later meeting.

Kathie reported that the Mountain Line planning meeting (focus group consisting of representatives from the Neighborhood Councils) was very informative and she thinks the consultant and staff from Mountain Line were very receptive to the ideas and concerns expressed by the neighborhood representatives. The consultant and Mountain Line staff explained the planning process and the opportunities for further public comment now and after some proposal options have been assembled. There was discussion about what it would take for Missoula to become a community in which ownership of a car wasn't necessary due to the availability of public transport. Another topic was the balance between adding service to presently unserved neighborhoods such as Grant Creek and Upper Miller Creek, and providing more comprehensive (evenings/Sunday) service to routes that are already profitable and heavily used. It was pointed out that in general, businesses want to assure customers can reach them conveniently, but are less concerned about how their employees get to work, and that service employees (dime a dozen in Missoula) tend to need low-cost transportation to be able to hold jobs in areas like North Reserve Street, which are not close to low cost housing. The feasibility of trolleys and light rail down the Bitterroot were also discussed.

The meeting adjourned about 8:30 pm.

Kathie Snodgrass
note keeper