

Neighborhood Council Meeting - 3/12/2013 - 7:00 pm

Paxson School

Attendee's

City Official's - John Wilkins - Council Representative

Alex Taft - Council Representative

Jane Kelly - Neighborhood Liaison

Marisol Maddox - Office of Neighborhoods Outreach/Planning Assistant

Neighborhood Council Leadership Team

Dave Chrismon, Bill Miller, Tom Roy

General Attendance - approximately 25 persons

Public Comment

John Wilkins - Urban Deer Problem - There will be a public forum on the problem in the first week of June at the University Center.

Alex Taft - Urban Forest Update - also handed out Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to the Community Quality of Life Initiative the City and University have entered into.

Art on Signal Boxes - Jeff Stevens - Public Art Committee - Discussion on signal box art. Mr. Stevens asked the Neighborhood Council to get involved in drafting a grant application to paint or wrap three signal boxes located on Arthur Avenue.

U of M Neighborhood Ambassadors - Update from Katherine Brady, several of the neighborhood ambassadors in attendance. City of Missoula approved \$10,000 for expansion of the program.

Rental Regulations - Susan Firth gave a presentation on the legal abilities the city has to enforce rental code regulations. State law statutes preclude city inspectors from inspecting possible rental code violations, unless property owner or the renter allows access to the property.

John Wilkins has been championing this cause in Missoula for many years. He explained his efforts and felt that not has been accomplished. Mr. Wilkins passed out a "Voluntary Residential Inspection" flyer that is given to renters. The brochure details what violations renters should look for.

Snow Removal - Ben Weiss - Explained the snow removal priorities for city streets. He also informed us that \$500.00 of snow shovels were bought by the city and given free of charge to residents who had a history or likelihood of not removing their snow.

We were also made aware that when the snow is not removed the city will do it at a charge of \$65.00 per first half hour and \$30.00 for each additional half hour. We were informed that that Mayor Engan had instructed the snow removal department to do a **no charge** to residents, if it was the first infraction!