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Name

Mark Matthews

E-mail

Your Comments

Recreational dancing once represented a major community-building tool as the majority of Americans partook in some form of the dance--from square dance clubs to polka parties to teenage record hops. Unfortunately the number of Americans who danced began to dwindle after 1965--as did participation in all other forums that contributed to social capital. In "Bowling Alone" sociologist Robert Putnam identified the main culprit as television. Americans grew lazy, put on weight, and stopped interacting with one another. Nowadays, the number of electronic devices that discourage face-to-face human interaction have grown exponentially--and, not surprisingly, we don't seem to get along with, tolerate, or cooperate with one another to the same degree as we once did--politically or socially. Let's put the Missoula at the forefront of a national dance revival. Give your citizens a chance to rebuild and strengthen community by offering them low-cost venues where they can organize dances

City Growth Policy Comment Form - Submission #4785

Date Submitted: 8/24/2014

Your voice represented!

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Are you a City of Missoula Resident?

Yes

No

On which topic is your comment?

Culture, art and history ▼

Name

Michael Sweet

E-mail

Your Comments

I was not aware of the listening sessions until I heard about this effort from a friend, so I missed the Culture, Art and History session. I don't know that this opportunity has been well advertised.

The article in the Missoulian on the Culture, Art, and History listening session seemed to overly emphasize input on facility needs from the performance arts community with passive viewing and much less than the participatory arts community with active participation of attendees. Since meeting notes on this particular listening session are not yet posted it's hard to know if the Missoulian's portrayal is accurate.

If the participatory arts community was not well represented in this listening session then I would suggest some attempt at hearing from that community. Again, the article in the Missoulian identified some of the participants in the listening session, and participatory arts seemed to be lacking in representation. I don't think the word got out to these organizations.

City Growth Policy Comment Form - Submission #4855

Date Submitted: 9/3/2014

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Are you a City of Missoula Resident?

Yes

No

On which topic is your comment?

Planning/surveying/engineering ▼

Name

Jeremy Drake

E-mail

Your Comments

Greetings!

I thought you might be interested in the latest research report released by Smart Growth America entitled "Measuring Sprawl 2014."

<http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/documents/measuring-sprawl-2014.pdf>

Here's a short article about it:

http://www.sustainablecitynetwork.com/topic_channels/development/article_7a88ae56-339d-11e4-b86e-0017a43b2370.html?utm_source=SCN+InBox+e-Newsletter&utm_campaign=0a30621324-Newsletter_9-3-2014_Vendors&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_11e7ac761c-0a30621324-188646553

All my best,
Jeremy

City Growth Policy Comment Form - Submission #4886

Date Submitted: 9/8/2014

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Are you a City of Missoula Resident?

- Yes
 No

On which topic is your comment?

Sustainability ▼

Name

Bob Giordano

E-mail

Your Comments

Let's phase out dangerous chemicals. No more pesticides, for instance, that are linked to cancer and other health issues. No more glyphosate. Discontinue and ban use of Penta in the City.

Sprawl should not be allowed unless extreme circumstances apply. Focus inward means growth without needing large roads. New roads should be no more than one travel lane in each direction with a center turn lane. Large roads tend to induce more motor traffic.

Idling at the train yard needs to stop. Pollution is too harmful right now. Train yard should be moved outside of town, freeing up the current train yard for mixed use development.

Car use needs to be minimized and goals set for reductions. We propose at least reducing private automobile use by 50% over the next 20 years. VMT and ADT should both be at least 50% less in 20 years than what it is today, even accounting for population growth. Thank you.

City Growth Policy Comment Form - Submission #4949

Date Submitted: 9/20/2014

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Are you a City of Missoula Resident?

- Yes
 No

On which topic is your comment?

Other

Name

Glen Bumgardner

E-mail

Your Comments

Consider my other topicaffordability ,,,,to continue to live in Missoula for seniors especially. I have lived in the area since 1977 and Missoula is just not nearly as charming as it was when I first came here. We seemed to mimic other bigger cities and see their advantages and ignore the disadvantages. It also seems that some of the big ideas we borrow cause enough problems that we have to invent solutions for what we created. I first lived in the older neighborhood near Scott Street that was called the Northside back when I was there. Now maybe it is still called that but some also call it the Westside. It was a working class neighborhood with character. I could walk my dog to the park near Lowell School and it was lovely. Now it is considered more of a poor side of town and it has a special free clinic just for poor kids. It reminds me of the free clinics I saw in big urban areas like DC when I was 20. I just never thought I would ever see such in Missoula.

City Growth Policy Comment Form - Submission #5009

Date Submitted: 10/2/2014

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Are you a City of Missoula Resident?

- Yes
 No

On which topic is your comment?

Parks and open space ▼

Name

Bob Giordano

E-mail

Your Comments

Let's have natural play areas for parks and public spaces. No more plastic please, which is connected to cancer. All we need in parks is wood and vegetation. Let's make it city policy to not purchase anything plastic. thank you.

City Growth Policy Comment Form - Submission #5314

Date Submitted: 12/28/2014

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Are you a City of Missoula Resident?

- Yes
 No

On which topic is your comment?

Other ▼

Name

Paul Bohan

E-mail

Your Comments

Our Missoula. Looking Inward Moving Forward.?
 Even the heading suggests the outcome, which is contrary to the stated goal of a Citizen inspired Community Developed Growth Plan. I have traveled to many Cities where this same approach is going on. Of all the places in the United States, Missoula is one City that should not be put in this direction due to it's topography, geography, history, culture, remoteness and resources, just to name a few factors that seem to be left out in the process. But the main category that is totally left out in the planning is our Current Residents, their homes, their current locations, their desires, their desired living densities, and their desired living areas. It is they, who this growth policy is for. Economic Trends, Social Trends, Data, etc... should be considered, but they should be looked at as aids, not "we must do this", (what others our doing elsewhere) "because of this" (what's happening elsewhere.) END OF "ALLOWED THOUGHT LENGTH". 150 w?

City Growth Policy Comment Form - Submission #5528

Date Submitted: 1/26/2015

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Are you a City of Missoula Resident?

- Yes
- No

On which topic is your comment?

Housing ▼

Name

Ruth Link

E-mail

Your Comments

Hello,

This could also be relevant for the land use focus group as well. The urban fringe area is very important when planning for the next 20 years for growth. Since the county is currently drafting their growth policy, our community should strive to ensure the overlapping areas have similar growth patterns. This will provide the neighborhood with predictability and reduce the liability to the governing bodies.

Thank you,

Ruth Link