

## Grant Creek Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., October 31, 2107 Stone of Accord

**Attending:** Dennis Muth, Lee Clemmensen, Ron Larsen, Bert Lindler—Jane Kelly, Kevin Davis

**Update on the Grant Creek Trail**—The Grant Creek Trails Association with Missoula County as a sponsor submitted a Transportation Alternatives grant application to the Montana Department of Transportation for funds to extend the trail from Mellot Lane to Snowbowl Road within the right-of-way. The application was one of 42 competing for \$6.45 million statewide. The Grant Creek Trail application was not among the 15 that were funded. If the grant had been awarded, Missoula County would have provided \$178,000 from the recent Parks and Trail Bond to match the \$840,154 grant. The Grant Creek Trails Association hopes to explore other alternatives that would allow the trail to be extended to Snowbowl Road. Meanwhile, the Grant Creek Trails Association is exploring several options that could provide connections extending the trail south into the city. The concrete pads for a bench, mutt-mitt station and bear-resistant trash container were poured recently on the county section of trail north of Old Grant Creek Road, thanks to funding by the Grant Creek Trails Association and a large neighborhood project grant from the city of Missoula.

**Reserve Street Safety Concerns**—A recent newspaper article cited a report by trial lawyers finding that Montana's most dangerous intersections were in Missoula: [http://missoulian.com/news/local/study-missoula-s-busiest-intersections-most-dangerous-in-montana/article\\_770e9e92-15dd-5956-abd6-245ba482c9e0.html](http://missoulian.com/news/local/study-missoula-s-busiest-intersections-most-dangerous-in-montana/article_770e9e92-15dd-5956-abd6-245ba482c9e0.html). Four of the five most dangerous intersections were on Reserve Street, with one of those (Broadway and Russell) within the geographic area of the Grant Creek Neighborhood Council. Traffic engineers prefer to compare intersections not just by the number of accidents but by the number of accidents for a given level of traffic (busier intersections would be expected to have more accidents). According to Missoula's 2016 Long-Range Traffic Plan, the ramp at Broadway and Reserve is the most dangerous in the city with an average of 1.75 crashes per million vehicles from 2010 to 2014 (<https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/DocumentCenter/View/39171>, p. 25). Grant Creek resident Kevin Davis has established a Facebook page "Let's Improve Missoula's Reserve Street" and is forming a group to advocate for improvements to Reserve Street. The leadership team will try to arrange to have a representative from the Montana Department of Transportation discuss safety on Reserve Street at the upcoming general membership meeting.

**Election of Leadership Team Members**—With the exception of Lee Clemmensen, who was elected to one of the two at-large positions a year ago, the two-year terms of all members of the leadership team are expiring. New leadership team members will be elected at the upcoming general membership meeting. The leadership team provides one seat for each of the following neighborhoods with two at-large members:

Prospect
Prospect Meadows
Glen Eagle
Grantland Landowners
Grantland-Colorado Gulch
Lime Springs
Grantland 1-10
Area Outside Association
Cottonwoods

At Large No. 1
At Large No. 2
Business Representative
Community Forum Rep.
Community Forum Alternate

Nominations will be taken from the floor for members of the leadership team. Anyone is free to nominate themselves.

### **General Meeting**

The leadership team tentatively decided to hold a general membership meeting in early December when someone from the Montana Department of Transportation could discuss traffic safety on Reserve Street and the newly appointed (vote scheduled November 6) Ward 2 city council person could be introduced. The meeting date will be announced once it is confirmed.

Notes taken by Bert Lindler