

City of Missoula

Joint Moose Can Gully and South 39th Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting

April 22, 2019 6:00 PM

Hal Fraser Conference Room, 140 W Pine Street

MCG Present: Janet Van Dyke, Carol Garlington, Ariel Cornelius, Betsy Weber

South 39th Present: Paul Kilzer, Jeff Stevens

Others Present: Duncan Lutes (MCG), Rachael Herynk (South 39th), Jane Kelly – Neighborhood Coordinator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Janet Van Dyke, MCG Chair. Janet congratulated Bus Tour presenters on a job well done (Carol, Betsy, Jeff).

1. Approval of January 9, 2019 and March 25, 2019 meeting minutes

- a. Two sets of minutes were reviewed for the January 9 meeting. The set written by Paul Kilzer was approved by South 39th Street team members as their minutes. The set submitted by Ariel Cornelius was approved by MCG Team Members as the MCG account of the meeting.
- b. Minutes for the 3/25/19 meeting were approved by the combined team.

2. Consideration of the position of secretary

The role of secretary was discussed. After four years of generous volunteer service, Ariel is stepping down as secretary. By group consensus, Betsy was approved as her replacement. Draft minutes will be sent to Jane for distribution to team members, prior to posting.

Next Steps: Betsy Weber will act as Secretary from this meeting forward.

3. Resident concerns regarding sidewalks and mailboxes

Mr. Lutes presented his concerns, previously sent by email (3/25/19 meeting minutes).

- a. Mr. Lutes has observed permanent mailboxes and overhanging bushes obstructing sidewalks to allow narrow passage only. School children in groups are seen walking in the streets. ADA violations are suspected.
- b. Street parking in front of mailboxes is an issue for postal deliveries. Jeff Stevens commented that in Wapikiya where there are no sidewalks, homeowners have placed posts for mailboxes in the street.
- c. RVs and camper trailers further obstruct the streets for indefinite periods of time. There are cars parked that have not moved throughout the winter months. After a complaint was reported, the affected neighbor personally confronted the person reporting.
- d. Mr. Lutes noted that some cul-de-sacs have a bank of mailboxes and asked if a neighborhood grant could provide them.

Jane Kelly's response:

- a. Jane is not familiar with ADA requirements for sidewalk accessibility. Code Compliance is available to intervene with overhanging bushes.
- b. It is not illegal to park in front of a mailbox but USPS may refuse delivery if a mailbox is regularly inaccessible from the street.
- c. Streets may not be used for storage of RVs, campers, trailers, abandoned cars. Residents are encouraged to call Annie Nordby at the Police Department 552-6293 for vehicles left over 5 days.
- d. Banks of mailboxes may be provided by neighbors when neighbors agree, in coordination with USPS. HOAs often provide these, but in areas where there is no HOA, a neighborhood grant to place a bank of mailboxes would be considered if neighbors agree on location, maintenance and snow removal around the site.

Next Steps: Jane Kelly will talk to applicable people at City Hall about ADA sidewalk requirements. Group agreed that neighbors can send photographs of suspected compliance violations to their Neighborhood Council representatives. For investigation, complaints will come from the respective Neighborhood Council, not individuals.

Neighbors are referred to the Neighborhood Resources list. For overhanging vegetation/visibility obstruction (line of sight) violations, call Development Services; Code Compliance—552-6630 See Missoula Municipal Code [12.28.110](#) and [Visibility Obstruction Triangles](#).

4. Safety of students and pedestrians along 23rd street

Ariel Cornelius expressed concern about students walking in the street on 23rd Street where there are no sidewalks. This is particularly hazardous when snow accumulates along the curbs and kids are walking in darkness. Trails and bus availability do not solve the problem.

Options and past issues installing sidewalks were discussed (resident resistance to SIDs, costs) Members agreed this is an ongoing problem but there was no resolution.

Next Steps: Jane will check into requirements for safe access to schools.

5. Update of Hillview crossing project

Jeff Stevens reported that he continues to participate in City Council Committee meetings about this project. The development will be responsible for maintaining the roads and will have their own drainage system. City Council has been very thorough in viewing issues of drainage, slope stability, trails. Discussions are ongoing.

6. Community Forum update

Carol reported the following activity at the March Community Forum meeting:

- a. A presentation by MELT (MT Elders for a Livable Tomorrow, in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation) will occur at Target Range School from 7-9 PM regarding wildfire readiness on May 8, 2019, free and open to the public.
- b. Bob Hayes gave a presentation on storm water drainage concerns, similar to our 3/25/19 meeting.
- c. Mountain Lion will be upgrading bus stops with benches and overhead protection.

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7. Plan for General meeting June 26, 2019

Consensus decisions:

- a. Agenda items: City Council Q&A, Election of Leadership Team Members, Budget update, Bylaws, Neighborhood Priorities (include survey), Hillview Crossing update – Jeff Stevens, Code Compliance-Charmell Owens, Sidewalk Masterplan – Aaron Wilson
- b. Ariel reported that she and Jennifer Stephens have continued work on an on-line questionnaire to widen response to neighborhood priorities. A link can be provided in the general meeting postcard. Members agreed that, while we do not want to stray far from methods used for input in other neighborhoods, current priorities may be vague, outdated and only represent the opinions of those who come to a meeting. A questionnaire can prioritize a list of previously noted priorities along with listing of those not on the list. Further detail will be requested about items chosen as priorities.

Next Steps:

- 1. Jane will send a questionnaire draft out by email to leadership team members.**
- 2. All members need to review current neighborhood bylaws and new template provided by Jane.**

3. General meeting volunteers:

Jeff- moderator

Betsy- postcards, meeting notes

Jane-agenda, budgets, sign-in, POs

Janet-sandwich boards

Paul-request presenter for Hillview Crossing topic, acquire pulled pork, bring 5 gallon jug for water.

Ariel-bring water jug

Carol-potato salad, buns, chips, cookies, paper cups

All- setup and clean up

Carol will promote the meeting to her neighbors at the Elk Hills HOA

8. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Jane Kelly

Jane reported the following O of N activities since the last meeting:

- a. Successful bus tour
- b. Volunteer of the year: Mike Painter
- c. Traffic Circle Volunteer Appreciation Day is scheduled for May 21st at Bonner Park
- d. Office of Neighborhoods will be moving to office space next door to the Hal Fraser Conference Room on April 29th. The address is 140 W. Pine.

9. Public comment on non-agenda items

- a. Carol Garlington presented a reformatted version of the Neighborhood Resources handout for consideration by members. Team member feedback was requested.
- b. Carol asked about whom to call about injured deer. Jane responded that an algorithm is being rewritten. Previous advice from Fish Wildlife and Parks is being revised.
- c. Rachel Herynk presented her concerns about school redistricting with the closure of Cold Springs School. South 39th Street Neighborhood will be divided with students going either to Chief Charlo or Russell.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Weber