

Moose Can Gully (MCG) and South 39th Joint Neighborhood Council Leadership Team (LT)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 20, 2022 5:30 PM Virtual Zoom

MCG Neighborhood Council LT Present: Betsy Weber, Janet Van Dyke

MCG LT Absent: Carol Garlington

South 39th Street Neighborhood Council LT Present: Paul Kilzer, Ruth Burke, Dave Bell

South 39th LT Absent: Jeff Stevens, David Touchette

City Staff Present: Kalina Wickham, Neighborhood Specialist - Kelly Elam, Neighborhood coordinator

Others present (none)

1. Call to Order, Introductions and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Ruth Burke.

2. Approve Minutes for March 16, 2022 meeting

No revisions were suggested. Paul moved to approve the minutes. Second by Janet. All approved.

3. Follow up items:

Urban Deer: Kalina reported that, following the last meeting, she spoke with Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent and Amber Sherrill. Because urban deer are a complex issue with no clear path forward, no further action is currently planned. Paul said that the urban deer issue remains a priority in our neighborhoods and in other Missoula neighborhoods. He asked if there is a way for us as Leadership Team members to be heard on topics such as this. Citing examples of dead deer along Missoula streets and in the yards of Missoula homeowners, he said that there are excessive delays in removing dead deer from the edges of Missoula streets, and it is unfair for Missoula homeowners to be expected to dispose of the dead deer in their yards with no help from the City. He asked if there is any plan to resolve these problems. Also, he said that in a recent conversation with a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks warden, he was told that continuing to advocate for a solution to the urban deer problem is the right approach and that the urban deer study by UM scientists was in fact carried out. Kalina had no further information on these questions and comments. Ruth recommended that we keep Urban Deer on our agendas to show that they remain a priority, and she recommended bringing up the topic at City meetings and asking questions during election candidate forums.

Bylaws Revision:

As discussed in the February 16, 2022 meeting, numerous issues were identified with the new bylaws draft: neighborhood border descriptions, coordinator role, term limits, language discrepancies with Municipal Code and City Charter. At our request, Kalina requested review by the City attorney but has still not received a reply to our concerns. Since the Bylaw revisions will need to be approved at a General Meeting (proposed for June) and City attorney review may not happen, the group decided to focus on blatant errors in boundary descriptions etc.

4. Neighborhood Cleanup Day April 30

- Betsy & Dan Weber placed the sandwich board signs this week. Dave Bell stepped in to move some on 39th Street after a right-of-way complaint. Paul offered to move the sign that is still out of compliance on Gharrett.
- Kalina reported sending flyers to schools except Jeanette Rankin. Janet will distribute additional flyers. Flyers are available from the Neighborhoods office from Friday April 22 on.
- Kalina reported that ball caps will hopefully be available by the weekend of April 30.
- Packets with bags and gloves can be picked up from Parks and Recreation (at Currents) on Friday April 29 and 30. Carol has offered to pick them up.
- Kalina will request a dumpster to be placed near Garland Park. Paul has a scheduling conflict during the mid-day, but he will plan to be available at 2 pm if needed to haul trash to the designated dumpster.
- Ruth has created maps for suggested clean-up routes focusing more on parks this year.
- Ruth will bring a table and signup sheets.
- Ruth will bring painted rocks.
- Betsy will get balloons.

5. General Meeting proposed for Wednesday June 29 at 6:00 PM, Playfair Park Picnic Shelter

- Budget funds available are \$1700 for MCG, \$1300 for S.39. 30-50 people are expected.
- The Big Dipper Ice Cream Truck is preferred due to Covid serving issues with other open food. Janet will contact Big Dipper to arrange this.
- Kelly will contact Parks & Recreation to reserve the Playfair Park Picnic Shelter.
- Agenda items: Meet neighbors, meet Ward 4 and Ward 5 City Council members with short presentation from each, presentation by Code Compliance Supervisor Charmell Owens, recruitment and elections of new Leadership Team members, Bylaws revisions vote?, Cold Spring School update? Street and sidewalk issues
- Betsy will contact City Council members to ask for their participation. Paul will check on the status of the Cold Spring School property.

6. Community Forum

Carol sent a report that no CF meeting was held since our last meeting.

7. Missoula Neighborhoods Report

Kalina reported that candidates for Neighborhood Project Funds will be selected and reported in May.

Other information included in previous topics.

8. Public Comments on non-agenda items

Streets and sidewalks are among the priorities in Moose Can Gully Neighborhood, South 39th Street Neighborhood, and other Missoula neighborhoods. Paul asked that we discuss this at our May 18 meeting and, if others agree, at our General Meeting. He suggested inviting Aaron Wilson, Planning Manager for Missoula Infrastructure & Mobility Division. Paul will follow up with an email and photos illustrating issues with snow and road grit on Missoula sidewalks and issues with ADA access

Janet offered to contact Summit to talk with them about access issues identified with sidewalks. Dave suggested Missoula In Motion be invited to our next meeting.

9. Announcements

None

10. Adjourn

There being no further business, Janet moved to adjourn. Second by Paul. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM. NEXT MEETING MAY 18, 2022 - via Zoom.

Minutes by Betsy Weber & Paul Kilzer