

Captain John Mullan
Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting
January 26, 2011 at 7:30 pm
Barnes & Noble Coffee Shop

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm

Present – Randy Johnson, Kathie Snodgrass, Rod Austin, Nathan Howard, Heather Phillips, and guest Jane Kelly (temporarily at the Office of Neighborhoods)

Absent - Jordan Hager, Josiah Hodge

Mullan Bike Trail: Nathan and Randy reported that the Mullan bike trail is being plowed by somebody, but it doesn't appear to be the County. The County does have a sweeper. Jeff Seaton is the County Public Works guy to talk to about safety improvements or amenities for the trail. Where the trail crosses Mullan Road (which is a State highway), we will probably need to coordinate with the State for any safety improvements.

The County Park Board has a matching grant process sort of like the City Neighborhood Grant process. There was discussion about finding out more about that and applying for a grant for some amenities for the trail. Randy confirmed that the support letter for the Mullan Trail connector to the school along Flynn Lane was delivered to Deb Stension-Hall. He will check with her to see whether there's any further help we can provide.

Nathan mentioned that he had four extra mutt mitt stations that he would be glad to pass along for their cost of \$70 each. There was discussion of trying to get a small grant to pay for some to go along the trail. Nathan has signs that say "provided by Captain John Mullan Neighborhood Council" that could be attached to the stations. If we don't use them, the Pleasant View Homeowner's Association may be interested in purchasing them.

Pleasant View Park: We haven't heard anything since Kent contacted Kathie about beginning design on the smaller Pleasant View-owned parks. Rod mentioned that he'd been trying to get Kent going on those. Kathie will contact Donna Gaulker about the master plan approval process, and also about the prospects for getting the earthwork done.

County Parks: Randy will check with Lisa Moisey and Ann Cundy about the master plan for parks in our area, and whether they would be willing to present some information at our March meeting. This might draw more of our County neighbors to the meeting.

March General Meeting: We will try to schedule the Hellgate Middle School Commons for March 22 at 7-9 pm. Nathan will contact the school to see if that date is available and reserve it, if so. (note: that date was successfully reserved by Nathan)

The program should include the usual 10 minute summary of City Council happenings by each of our City Council representatives. Cynthia Wolken is our new representative who replaces Roy. She and Pam will both probably be running for election this fall because Pam's term is up and the rules say anybody that is appointed only serves until the next election, and then somebody is elected to fill the remainder of the term.

Rod said that Tom at Missoula Valley Recycling would be interested in presenting to the group, and he'll invite him. Our area recently lost the ability to have blue recycle bags picked up by Allied Waste when they went to the mechanized mini-dumpster system.

Rod is still trying to connect with Garden City Harvest to get a community garden going in Pleasant View, and that's another possibility for a program.

Kathie will check with Donna Gaulker about whether there will be anything to present about Pleasant View Park.

Traffic Calming: Kathie received a packet from the Department of Public Works about traffic calming methods that are used in Missoula, and how a neighborhood can apply to bring traffic calming to areas that need it. Kathie will make copies of the packet to share with the Pleasant View and Hellgate Meadows homeowner's associations. The deadline is only two weeks off for this year, but apparently the process is the same every year, so it would probably be good to look it all over and discuss it thoroughly to be ready for next year's application.

The next Leadership Team meeting will be February 16th at the same location and time.

The meeting adjourned about 8:30 pm.

Kathie Snodgrass

note keeper