

**Moose Can Gully Neighborhood Council
General Meeting
Chief Charlo School
Wednesday, April 13, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Lyle Geurts at 7:05 PM with 15 in attendance.

Business Meeting:

- Introduced Jane Kelly from the Office of Neighborhoods
- Announcements:
 - June 3 - First Friday Photo Exhibition 5-8 PM, Missoula Art Museum
 - Features photos submitted by community members about what makes Missoula neighborhoods great places to live
 - Moose Can Gully neighborhood photos can still be downloaded to www.ci.missoula.mt.us/neighbordays
 - Bullet points that address why we are most proud of our neighborhoods will be displayed. Submit Moose Can Gully suggestions to Lyle Guerts at 251-2169 or pamlylej@imt.net
 - June 5 – Sunday Streets – Higgins Avenue downtown
 - Noon – Mayor Engen will issue a proclamation and we'll sing Happy Birthday to Neighborhood Councils
 - For more information go to www.ci.missoula.mt.us/neighbordays
 - June 11 – Moose Can Gully Neighborhood Hike & Picnic
 - 11 AM – meet at Garland Park at the corner of Garland and 23rd.
 - An hour hike on neighborhood trails followed by a picnic provided by the Neighborhood Council.
- Elections:
 - A call was made for volunteers/nominations for the following vacant two-year term Leadership Team positions
 - Two Co-Chairpersons
 - Community Forum Liaison and Alternate
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Lyle Geurts, Community Forum Representative, Mary Lou Chigbrow, Treasurer, and Linda Frey, Co-Chair volunteered to continue for another term. Mary Lou volunteered to take on the Secretary duties as well. No other volunteers came forward. A nomination was made and seconded to elect the above Leadership Team members for another two-year term.

Questions and Answers with City Council representatives Dick Haines and Renee Mitchell

- Missoula's 2012 Capital Improvement Plan meeting was cancelled. General discussion on Missoula budget and the State Legislature sessions.
- Nothing new on the Hillview road project and nothing has been heard on the status of 23rd. The new tax districts are uncharted territory but it is hoped that there will be some sort of priority for streets in need of improvement.

- Mention was made of an annex at Christian Drive and Linda Vista that may affect traffic flow on Gharrett. Nothing definite on that yet.

Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS) Building Levies and Operating Levies Vote May 3rd

- Lisa Hendrix, Principal, Meadow Hill School and David Rott, Principal, Chief Charlo school gave a presentation on the school levies up for renewal at the May 3, 2011 election
- These are renewal levies, **not** additional levies – the current levies expire this year
- The rates will be the same as the previous year
- There are two Building Reserve levies – Elementary and High school
 - Includes building maintenance, repair, and equipment
- There are also two Operating Levies – Elementary and High school
 - Includes instruction materials, extra-curricular programs, employee salaries, and insurance, electricity, natural gas and water
- There are also four Trustee Seats on the ballot
- Ballots will be mailed on April 18th – this is an all mail ballot election with no walk in voting. The ballots can be mailed or dropped off at a few locations
- See www.mcps.k12mt.us for more information

21st Century Schools Initiative and Graduation Matters

- Alex Apostle discussed Missoula County Public Schools three major initiatives
 - 21st Century Model – on how best to prepare our kids for success
 - Graduation Matters – to reduce the drop out rate in high schools to achieve 100 percent graduation.
 - Drop-outs have been reduced by 47 percent
 - Academic Achievement for all
 - See www.mcps.k12mt.us for more information

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Submitted by Mary Lou Chigbrow, Moose Can Gully Neighborhood Council Secretary