

Captain John Mullan Neighborhood Council General Meeting
September 21, 2011
7:13 pm

Introduction of Officers: President Randy Johnson, Secretary Kathie Snodgrass, Board Members Josiah Hodges and Steve Schmidt, and County Representative Nathan Howard were introduced.

Agenda: Randy explained the agenda for the evening.

Elections: Randy explained that Rod Austin's and Josiah Hodge's terms were complete, and Steve Schmidt had been appointed to fill behind Heather, who moved out of the neighborhood. He asked whether anybody else was interested in serving on the Board. There were no other volunteers. Randy moved and Kathie seconded that Rod Austin, Josiah Hodge, and Steve Schmidt be elected by acclamation, since there were no contested positions. The motion was approved unanimously. Kathie explained that due to a class she is taking, she can no longer serve as the Community Forum Representative, and a new Representative would need to be elected.

Public Comment: Adam Hertz, who is running for City Council Alderman in Ward 2 introduced himself and explained why he was running for City Council. Nathan Howard reminded everybody about the 5K race October 2 to benefit the Mullan Bike Trail. Registrations are available at Bailies and the Hellgate Trading Post as well as the Runner's Edge downtown.

City Council Report: Since Pam Walzer is up for re-election, she limited her report to approximately the same length as Adam's public comment. Cynthia Wolken reported on current issues that affect our neighborhood.

- The Flynn/Mullan intersection and Flynn bike path plus the warning blinker where the Mullan Bike Trail crosses the highway will be constructed as one project. It will hopefully be completed this fall. The funding for this work came from impact fees.
- The Reserve/England intersection is scheduled to be improved using the remaining SID funds. This project is in the planning stages. A right hand turn lane may be constructed at Arby's or perhaps the entries from England into the business area parking lots may be improved.
- The Office of Planning and Grants is drafting an amendment to the City zoning ordinance concerning garden sheds. Most of the existing small sheds in the City are non-compliant. The setback requirements don't work on smaller lots. This issue was first brought up due to a problem in Pleasant View. They are considering changing the requirements only for sheds of 120 square feet or less, and it would only be for one shed per lot. Nathan mentioned that they should include language prohibiting construction of sheds above buried utility lines.

Mountain Line: Michael Tree, the new Director of Mountain Line, reported on Mountain Line's new features such as wireless internet access from each bus, and their effort to improve Mountain Line's service. They will be holding public workshops to find out what people think should be included in long range plans and what routing changes would improve service. They have been setting ridership records, and some routes are quite overloaded.

The first 60 days of this fiscal year, there were 1200 more bikes on the busses and 70 more standing-room-only bus trips. He distributed a flyer about the public meetings. Nathan asked who he should contact about bus shelters. Mr. Tree is the person to contact. Kathie explained how important the 10 and 11 routes are to many people in our neighborhood.

Pleasant View Park Master Plan: Kathie Snodgrass, Dave Shaw, and Kent Watson

Kathie summarized the work already completed:

- The neighborhood assigned a park committee to work with Parks and Recreation to develop a master plan
- The park committee met multiple times with Parks and Recreation and then Parks and Recreation plus the consultant
- The consultant, landscape architect Kent Watson, was hired using Pleasant View Homeowner Association, Captain John Mullan, and Neighborhood Grant funds. Mr. Watson also did some planning work with the Pleasant View Homeowner's Association so that the Association-owned common space uses would compliment the City park space, and vice versa.
- A neighborhood planning meeting/charrette was held at Glengarra Place in April 2010
- A draft master plan, using information and input gained at the neighborhood planning meeting, was presented at Hellgate school last November. Comments showed overwhelming support for the plan. Questions included the location of certain facilities, but consensus was very positive.

Kathie introduced Kent & Dave to present the plan as supported by the Parks and Recreation Department, the Park Committee, and at the open house at Hellgate last winter. They showed a large scale drawing of the master plan, which those in attendance were very pleased with. Dave explained that if the neighborhood approves the plan, it will go to the Parks Board for their approval, and after that, we can begin planning for implementing the plan.

Dave explained that the master plan is not a design drawing it just shows what improvements will be at the park and where they will be located. A design drawing will have to be developed by a professional landscape architecture/engineering firm (using the approved City process) after the master plan is approved.

The City priority list for parks improvements is very long. If we are to see development occur in less than 20 years, we'll need to do some of the work ourselves. The Park Committee needs to be reactivated. After the master plan is approved, the committee will work with Parks and Recreation to organize another big neighborhood meeting to discuss funding and a long range plan for accomplishing the work.

Randy moved and Steve seconded that the Park Committee be reactivated, advised that the Neighborhood approves the master plan, and instructed to work with Parks and Recreation to proceed towards implementation of the plan. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Kathie Snodgrass

Secretary