

Minutes

Grant Creek Neighborhood Council Leadership Team
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., December 3, 2012
Montana Club North Reserve

Attending: Kim Birck, Ron Larsen, Tony Boote, Dennis Muth, Brian Walter, Bert Lindler, Jane Kelly (Neighborhood Council Liaison)

Jackie Corday from the Missoula Department of Parks and Recreation will be presenting an update on the Grant Creek Trail during the upcoming general meeting of the neighborhood council. **A solution allowing the trail to be built on the edge of the National Wildlife Federation's bird sanctuary is very close, thanks to hard work by the mayor and the Parks and Recreation Department with the cooperation of the bird sanctuary's neighbor, the Grant Creek Ranch.**

Ron Larsen said that residents are looking forward to the trail, but may be suffering from "trail fatigue" as the process has worn on. **The trail status update at Wednesday's meeting is a good idea, because it will help keep residents informed, he said.**

Tony Boote said that Grantland Landowners (the homeowners association representing residents in Grant Creek Hills and Creekside) has voted to challenge other homeowners associations in Grant Creek to match Grantland's pledge of \$2,000 to help match federal funds for trail construction. The Grantland association, which has already donated \$2,000 to the project, set several sideboards on this pledge, including that the trail move forward as planned.

Bert Lindler discussed his conversations with the City Public Works Department and the Montana Department of Transportation regarding construction of a second southbound lane at the Grant Creek Road/I-90 interchange to reduce traffic congestion there. Representatives from both the city Public Works Department and the Montana Department of Transportation will attend the upcoming general meeting.

Brian Walter, former neighborhood council president, said that during discussions over the past half-dozen years or so, the Department of Transportation designed the project and appeared willing to undertake it, but that the city didn't fund it. **During Lindler's recent phone conversations, the city appears ready to move ahead, but the state appears to have difficulty finding funds to do so.**

The city council's draft ordinance allowing accessory dwelling units in areas zoned single family residential does not include planned unit developments (the primary zoning in Grant Creek) and gives deference to homeowners associations covenants already in place that require single family dwellings (apparently the case for homeowners association covenants in Grant Creek).

Ward 2 city council members Adam Hertz and Cynthia Wolken have been invited to discuss accessory dwelling units at the upcoming neighborhood council meeting. The Office of Planning and Grants will have a representative on hand to answer technical questions.

Minutes taken by Bert Lindler