

General Meeting Grant Creek Neighborhood Council
September 3, 2013
Brake Residence, 9060 Springfield Close

Bert Lindler, President of the Grant Creek Neighborhood Council, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Lindler introduced City Council candidates Jordan Hess and Roger Seewald who explained why they were running for the Council.

Barbara Marbut Karmel spoke of her appreciation for the beautiful bronze plaque on the rock in the Charlotte Reed Marbut Nature Reserve, which the city of Missoula recently acquired from the National Wildlife Federation.

At the request of City Engineer Kevin Slovarp, Lindler withdrew an agenda item discussing the possibility of modifying the Grant Creek Trail bridge so it could provide emergency access/egress for the Prospect and Prospect Meadows neighborhoods. The easements granted for the Trail prohibit motorized access.

Dave Shaw, trails coordinator for the Missoula Parks and Recreation Department, reported on progress toward construction of the city portion (2 miles) of the Grant Creek Trail (GCT). Shaw said the project is in final stages of engineering by Territorial Land Works (TLI), is on schedule, and is under budget. The city portion of the trail extends from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's headquarters to the city/county line. The final design and contract package will be completed this fall, followed by request for bids in the winter. Construction will begin in spring or summer of 2014 and take 5 to 6 months to complete.

Lisa Moisey and Erik Dickson, Missoula County parks and trails manager and engineer, respectively, explained the county's plans to submit a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application by September 6. TAP, the successor to the Community Transportation Enhancement Program, is a statewide competitive grant program, administered by the Montana Department of Transportation with state-wide funding of \$8 million over the next two years. The county application seeks \$456,660 to fund engineering, construction and construction engineering to construct the Trail from the city/county line north to Mellot Lane. The required \$61,300 cash match will be covered in-kind by county engineering services. If the grant application is successful, the county would build its section of trail in 2014.

Karen Sippy, treasurer of the Grant Creek Trails Association, reported that to date, over \$152,000 has been contributed by private donors to meet the required match for the city's CTEP funds. However, she noted that an additional \$40,000 is needed for the 25% contingency funds to complete the City portion of the Trail.

She said that Grant Creek resident Ken Dial offered to contribute up to \$20,000 to match other contributions if they were made before the close of the meeting. Mr. Dial briefly spoke in support of the trail, and the remaining \$20,000 was raised by contributions from attendees, completing the Grant Creek Trail Association's campaign to raise the required matching funds plus a 25 percent contingency for the city's portion of the trail.

Lindler adjourned the meeting.