

Moose Can Gully Neighborhood Council Leadership Team

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 17, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Lewis and Clark Villages

3000 South Higgins

Missoula, MT 59801

Leadership Team Members Present: Frank Green, Janet Van Dyke, Ariel Cornelius

Others Present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, Jeff Stevens, South 39th Street Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Member

1. Missoula County Schools Presentation – Mark Thane, Missoula County Public Schools Superintendent

Mark Thane gave a presentation on the upcoming School bond vote:

- a) 21st century model-Smart Schools 2020
- b) Need to upgrade buildings
 - a. Technology, degrading building, increasing student numbers, agility and overall improvements
- c) Three main issues
 - a. Maintenance-Age of buildings: roof issues, 60% modular units in Cold Springs, ADA accessibility, safety and security, exposed pipes
 - b. Technology: electrical support and wiring, infrastructure for internet, updating
 - c. Agility: Updating building for collaborative, authentic learning environments, flexible classrooms, skills for later in life
- d) Impact would be on the taxable property value
- e) Issues will get worse and cost more down the road if not addressed
- f) All mail election, every registered voter will be eligible to vote
- g) October 19 ballots will be mailed out and will need to be returned by November 3
- h) State or federal grant money to decrease the cost?
 - a. No money available and no programs available to help
- i) If Cold Springs is being moved, how will items be taken care of?
 - a. Linda Vista has 700 more approved lots
 - b. Trying to find appropriate sites to improve accessibility for students
 - c. Selling properties to gain a new site, if needed
- j) Please contact anytime for additional questions

2. Presentation on Trails - Jeff Stevens for the 39th street Neighborhood
Jeff Stevens gave a presentation on trails:
 - a. Been working on the train systems since 2000
 - b. Develop and improve systems over the years
 - c. Approximately 10 to 20 trails in the Moose Can Gully Area
 - d. Marked 80 to 90 trail posts throughout Missoula
 - e. Connect Moose Can Gully with animal underpass and through and past Chief Charlo through Rimel Road and easement
 - f. Will be trying to get grant funding for Fish Wildlife and Parks to create new trail
 - i. Trail will also need signs
 - g. City and the School district will need to negotiate for ease of easement
 - i. Will increase accessibility for students to get to school
 - h. When was the easement to Rimel Road?
 - i. When the conservation was established, about 5 years ago
 - i. John Rimel is a good contact for connections
 - j. Parks department would be good to help design trail
 - k. Any concerns with fire issues?
 - i. Always concerned about fire issues; thinning
 - l. Once tunnel is completed, applying for grant and creating a trail
3. Ward 4, Candidate Forum
 - a. Ward 3 and 4 will be having a candidate forum on October 1st
 - b. Southgate Triangle Area would like to combine Ward 4, 5, and 6
 - c. More candidates going to less places and get a larger turnout
 - d. Pending Dates:
 - i. October 5, 6, or 7th
 - ii. Send out a google poll to see what dates work better for everyone
 - e. Advertising?
 - i. Newspapers, digest, postcards, newsletters
 - ii. Signs out for the neighborhood
 - iii. Maybe postcards
 - iv. Need to see how much it will cost to send out postcards
 - f. Location?
 - i. Chief Charlo, Meadow Hill, Big Sky
4. Community Forum Report – Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator
 - a. Two presentations
 - i. 2016-roundabout at Orange
 - ii. 2017-double roundabout on Van Buren
 - b. 4 small grants were approved
 - i. Signs for trails

- ii. Solar panels for schools
 - iii. Electrical failure for fixing box next to fire station
- 5. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator
 - a. 15th of September, help with filling out and applying for grants
 - b. How to write the grant and what they are looking for
 - c. Grants are due October 6th
 - d. Grant levels are at \$3000 for large grants and \$500 for small grants
 - e. Mountain Line master plan will be re-evaluation for stops
- 6. Osprey Night – Ariel
 - a. Will be attending
 - b. Currently have 10+ people attending
- 7. Skyview Park Update
 - a. Tried to contact Parks and Rec.
 - b. Donna Gaukler
 - c. Will email information about park
 - d. If other questions, email
- 8. Getting Solar Street lights for Hillview Way – Marilyn Ryan & Frank Green
Frank Green gave an update on getting solar street lights on Hillview Way:
 - a. With structure, traditional lights are in the budget
 - b. Lights are the first items to be cut
 - c. No grants available for lights
 - d. Another round of grants is not available until 2017
 - e. Contact with Cindy
 - i. Hopefully get some grant assistance
 - ii. Have not heard back
 - f. \$50,000; \$2000 per light with a light every hundred meters and intersections
 - g. Official connection with the city; gift lights to city to allow maintenance
 - h. Do not need to gift, neighborhood councils are a part of the city
 - i. Need to work with city engineer
 - j. Contact Northwestern Energy for possible grant
- 9. Look at list of importance for improvements we can do – (Below – If time allows)
 - a. 1-3 will have full draining; sidewalks will be in place
 - b. 23rd street sidewalk issues; homeowners are responsible
 - c. Will look at items to address issues for next meeting
- 10. New Business

- a. Missoula Alliance Church would like to be involved with our neighborhood
- b. Tie into events; work together
- c. Possibly handout fliers for the candidate forum

11. Announcements

- a. Intern just hired; help with neighborhoods

End: 8:28

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What is important to the neighbors of Moose Can Gully?

1. Right to Vote SID – 75 Votes
2. Hillview Way – 70 Votes
3. Street Maintenance – 33 Votes
4. Urban Deer – 27 Votes
5. Sidewalks – 24 Votes
6. Weeds – 18 Votes
7. Neighborhood Watch – 15 Votes
8. Mountain Line – 12 Votes
9. Bike Trails – 10 Votes
10. Parks and Open Spaces – 10 Votes
11. City Growth Policy : Our Missoula – 8 Votes
12. Neighborhood Gardens – 5 Votes
13. Neighborhood Greenways – 6 Votes
14. Urban Forest – 3 Votes
15. Lights – 3 Votes
16. Non-Motorized Transit Infrastructure – 0 Votes