

Grant Creek Neighborhood Council Leadership Team
October 17, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Stone of Accord

Attending: Chris Wihlborg, Dennis Muth, Bert Lindler, Lee Clemmensen, Ron Larsen, John Langstaff—Karen Gasvoda, Office of Neighborhoods; Max Rebolz, Missoula County Wildfire Preparedness Coordinator

Canyon Creek Village Park Bench Large Neighborhood Project Grant Application—Chris Wihlborg discussed the grant application Canyon Creek Village HOA is preparing for permanent benches in their neighborhood park. The HOA has met with the city Parks and Recreation Department on a number of occasions since being annexed. Discussions have included not only this project but the possibility that the park could become a city park. Dennis Muth moved that the Grant Creek Neighborhood Council Leadership Team write a letter of support for the Canyon Creek Village HOA grant application. Ron Larsen seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Grant Creek Trail Hazard Tree Large Neighborhood Project Grant Application—Bert Lindler discussed the Prospect Meadows Homeowners Association’s large neighborhood project grant application to remove dead cottonwoods and overhanging cottonwood limbs from the Grant Creek Trail. The Prospect Homeowners Association and Grant Creek Trails Association are contributing to the \$1,100 match for the \$1,900 grant request. Lee Clemmensen moved that the Grant Creek Neighborhood Council Leadership Team write a letter of support for the Prospect Meadows HOA grant application. John Langstaff seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Wildfire Preparedness--Max Rebolz said that eight homeowners in Grant Creek—from Colorado Gulch and up—had requested professional help reducing wildfire hazard in the home ignition zone around their homes. Rebolz was able to provide a crew for \$1,000 a day, with federal grants reimbursing half of that cost. A Montana Conservation Corps crew thinned several acres of the National Wildlife Federation’s conservation lands along Lime Springs Trail just past the end of St. Vrain Way. The crew piled slash this spring and burned the piles this fall.

Lee Clemmensen said that a number of her neighbors in Grant Creek Hills had cleaned up their properties this summer. Lee Clemmensen and John Langstaff discussed the dead materials along Grant Creek Road from I-90 to the Grant Creek Ranch hay meadows. Rebolz said he had discussed the matter with the city, which has had other priorities.

Rebolz hopes to purchase two air curtain burners that would allow slash to be disposed of safely without producing smoke. The air curtain burners could be taken to predetermined temporary slash disposal areas during neighborhood cleanups.

General Meeting—A general meeting was scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, in the Grant Creek Inn. Among the agenda items for that meeting would be:

- Wildfire Preparedness Accomplishments—Max Rebolz, Missoula County wildfire preparedness coordinator
- Additional southbound lanes Grant Creek Road at I-90—Donny Pfeifer, Montana Department of Transportation (invited)
- Update on grant requests by the Canyon Creek Village and Prospect Meadows homeowners associations.
- Leadership Team Elections