

**Franklin to Fort Neighborhood Meeting**

**August 25, 2009**

Present:

Leadership Team	Neighbors
Jon Salmonson	--Jim Hausauer
Mike Greathouse	--Mark Muir, Chief of Police
Janet Fiero	--Ed Francechina, Animal control
	--Bill Evans,
	--Diane Winter
	--Shirley Marten
	--John Wolverton
	--Judy Carter

— **Introductions** of those present.

— **Correction to the Minutes made and July minutes approved.**

— **Public Comment**

- Diane talked about chronic barking dogs in her neighborhood 1850 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St. in alley.
- John Wolverton--Russell Reconstruction project: Need volunteers. Also, we should get agendas and announcements of next meeting by email.

— **Presentation:** Chief Francechina is here to listen about the at-large dogs and consider a block watch type of work to find loose dogs. Police usually involved with chronic barking, dog bikes, etc. Police come to the scene, take record, attempt to find the dog, the honor. Really likes the idea of a “block watch” for unique and/or chronic problems. Talk to neighbors and try to address the issue.

Ed, Animal Control: For chronic barking call the animal control office. We will investigate and give advice to the owner. The complainer is mailed a barking log and complainer must keep detailed log of barkers. If the dog owner says the log is inaccurate then complainer must testify in court. It helps to have 2 complainers. We understand people are reluctant to testify. It would be best if you try to work this out on a neighbor to neighbor basis.

A household is only allowed 2 dogs per residence. You can apply for a multiple dog permit approved by the animal control board.

Dogs off leash or not the same as a dog at-large (no owner). For dogs off leash try to get an address of owners.

Ordinances are on the web site. Go under Animal Control Ed brought 3 ordinances: 1) at large ordinance, cat ordinance and 3) feeding wildlife. Others can be found on web site.

RE: Dogs leaving their property without leash. They can not be aggressive off their property. If they are then call Animal Control. All bites must be reported for dogs or cats.

When you give a dog away you must call Animal Control and tell them you know longer are the owner. Otherwise you could get a ticket for the dog that is still registered to you.

Another way to address nuisance dogs is to research the owner of the rental property and see if you can have him or her bare down on the renters.

Shave a loose dog or spread green dye on them. This is a subtle way to tell the owner that his dog is off leash and bothering people.

Underutilized service is "Bite Prevention" classes.

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL # 541-7387**

Curfew for 17 and under: Sunday through Thursday when school is in session curfew is 10:30. When school is not session the curfew is 11:30 Sunday-Thursday. Friday and Saturday night curfew is 1 am.

#### **—Treasurer's report for end of FY09**

- \$-0- in the postage fund.
- \$-800- in general fund

#### **—Parks & Trails Committee – Jon Salmonson, Jim Hausauer, Mike Greathouse**

Informal conversations underway. Next meeting is September 8, 6:30 at Franklin Park.

#### **—Traffic Calming**

No meeting scheduled. On Johnson is a bike route and doesn't have a bike lane. Bulb outs on corners near schools were laid down over the bike lanes

Next month get an update from the Traffic Calming Committee

Need more bright paint as visual cues on the bulb outs.

#### **—TIGER grant**

The grant is part of the stimulus package; the Missoula MPO will organize the Active Transportation project, valued at \$50m and already on the shelf, by 08-15-09, to submit by the 09-15-09 deadline. This project builds trails and CSG; the latter will require less than \$20m of the grant request. It involves a "buy-in" of a 40/60 SID. Missoula applied for trails and sidewalks for \$19.6M.

**Motion made to approve the letter of support for the Tiger Grant written by Jon Salmonson, Write an additional letter with a little more generic reference to the neighborhood. Seconded and approved**

#### **—Community Forum Update-Bus Tour**

Fall bus tour is Sept 26 and will cover our neighborhood. Theme is "Uniquely your Neighborhood" Suggestions for our uniqueness with the votes noted in parentheses are:

1. Community Effort: Garden of Eaton Community Garden at Blessed Trinity Church (6)
2. Opportunity & Diversity: to live, to work, to do business, to walk and to drive (4)
3. Diversity of streets and development (4)
4. Pocket Park at Grant and 8<sup>th</sup> (2)

5. Mary's St. crossing (1)
6. New traffic calming around Franklin School (0)

—**Update on Complete Streets**

Complete Streets Resolution covers sidewalks and curbs and lighting for all. Resolution was passed by the City Council on August 24.

—**CS Porter Grade Separated Crossing**

Speed zone reduction is being implemented on Reserve.

**Motion:** We strongly support an underpass or overpass for bike and pedestrian crossing of Reserve at CS Porter Middle School and request that the highest priority of this project. Recommend to agency officials that they make the overpass or underpass be moved into the funded category of the LRT Plan. **Tabled to the next meeting.**

—**Sidewalk Cleaning of Snow**

Looking for volunteers or organizations to help shovel snow. Table to the next meeting.

We will put a hold on the *F2F Boundary Change discussion* for the meantime. Hans Christensen of the Triangle Neighborhood informed Jon that the boundaries of the Franklin and Russell Elementary school districts may be changing soon, and this will impact our decisions on the Neighborhood Council limits.

August 27 at main school office on South at 6 PM to review the current demographic studies about our neighborhoods.

**Next Meeting,**

1. Parks Committee Update
2. Traffic Calming Committee
3. Invite Public Works, Doug Harby (Construction Projects Manager) regarding Future sidewalk and street projects
4. Present information on actual costs of SIDs
5. Neighborhood Boundary Change
6. Resolution for making overpass or underpass a priority in the LRTP

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fiero, F2F LT member