

**Moose Can Gully (MCG) and South 39th Joint Neighborhood Council Leadership
Team Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2021 5:30 PM Virtual Zoom**

MCG Neighborhood Council LT Present: Carol Garlington, Betsy Weber, Janet Van Dyke

MCG LT Absent: None

South 39th Street Neighborhood Council LT Present: Jeff Stevens-Chair, Paul Kilzer, Ruth Burke

South 39th LT Absent: Dave Bell, David Touchette

City Staff Present: Kelly Elam, Missoula Neighborhoods Program Coordinator

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM by Ruth Burke.
2. **Introductions and Roll Call** It was noted that David Touchette has not attended a meeting for several years. Kelly reported contacting him with no response, but will contact him again to see if he wishes to participate on the South 39th LT. If no response is received, he will be removed from the team list.
3. **Presentation by Jeff Gicklhorn if available** Jeff Gicklhorn, City of Missoula Conservation Lands Program Manager, was not present. Kelly reported that he will be putting together a memorandum to Neighborhoods to discuss issues of encroachment in city parks. He will be available to attend meetings to address questions if needed.
4. **Approve Minutes for November July 21, 2021 meeting** Paul moved to approve the minutes as per last revision. Second by Janet. All approved. Minutes accepted.
5. **Deer Study Update--Next Steps** Paul provided the following summary. As reported in the minutes of the 5/12/2021 Joint S. 39th Street & Moose Can Gully Neighborhood Council Leadership Team meeting. Taylor Mudford, a University of Montana graduate student, asked for assistance with his masters degree project on investigating new management strategies for community involvement in addressing urban deer in Missoula. On 10/15/2021, Mr. Mudford sent a follow-up email to Ruth and Paul. It included a [memorandum](#) that summarized his Resource Conservation Masters thesis findings, which

concluded that community-based deer management (CBDM) is feasible in Missoula but is not yet possible because of

1. the lack of a shared vision on urban deer within Missoula.
2. lack of scientific data.
3. complicated political conditions in Missoula.

In his memorandum, Mr. Mudford's recommendations include a collection of data on urban deer (population study; economic impact assessment) and dissemination of the data, with a goal of developing a CBDM plan.

Mr. Mudford's full Masters thesis is available online at ScholarWorks - University of Montana: Community-Based Deer Management: A Case Study in Missoula, MT <https://scholarworks.umt.edu/etd/11800/>

After discussion, members agreed that Carol would report on this at Community Forum, noting our NPF Grant request in 2019 for an urban deer study and asking for an update. Our hope is that City Council members from Wards 4 and 5 will be able to join us to discuss the urban deer topic and other issues at a future joint S. 39th Street & Moose Can Gully Neighborhood Council Leadership Team meeting.

5. MCG/So 39th Neighborhood Council LT Meeting Schedule

A set meeting schedule was preferred by members. After discussion, it was agreed that meetings will be scheduled monthly on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM. A meeting will not be scheduled for December, so this will begin January 2022. It was agreed that our City Council representatives be invited to each meeting.

6. Missoula Neighborhoods Report--Kelly Elam Kelly reported the following:

1. Community Forum will meet tomorrow.
2. Colin Woodworth has taken another position and recruitment is underway for his replacement.
3. Neighborhood project grant applications will be posted the first week of December and will be due March 18th.
4. There will not be a meeting in December.

7. Public Comment on non-agenda items No members of the public were present.

Community Forum (CF) Update (inadvertently omitted from agenda). Carol reported on the CF September meeting. Five Neighborhoods were represented;

there was no quorum. The meeting was chaired by Laval Means, of Community and Planning Services, in Colin Woodrow's absence.

- Emily Harris, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Administrator, explained the start-up of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The Fund was created in 2020 and has a \$3.4 million dollar budget for 2022.
- Ben Brewer announced that the 5-year growth policy for Missoula will be presented to the Planning Board and City Council in October. Those interested can find details on Engage Missoula.
- Recreational marijuana regulations involve zoning restrictions for cultivation, retail, manufacturing, and testing. A public hearing will take place in early November and a City Council presentation mid-November. More details are available on Engage Missoula.

Paul discussed issues that he and Ruth had experienced with Neighborhood Council LT **emails not arriving**. One email thread concerned a development project manager who initially only contacted MCG LT members, but emails from Kelly were also not received. Kelly agreed to check email group members and send test emails.

Paul noted that on the city website, under our **Neighborhood "Resources"** a page developed by Carol with helpful information was outdated. Kelly agreed to update it with current names and contact information.

Paul also expressed concern that we were not in compliance with the City Charter or Bylaws which stipulate a General Meeting will be held annually. Paul requested that we get guidance from the City Attorney on this. Some Neighborhoods have had virtual General Meetings. It was agreed that the pandemic created an exceptional need to deviate from established rules.

8. **Announcements** (none)

9. **Adjourn** Ruth moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Carol. Unanimous approval. Meeting
Adjourned at 6:30PM. NEXT MEETING Wed. January 19, 2022, at 5:30 PM via Zoom.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Betsy Weber, Secretary.