

October 27, 2009
Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood Meeting
Location: Missoula Friends Meeting House 1861 S. 12th West
7:00-9:00 PM

Present: Leadership Team
Jon Salmonson
Kathy Greathouse
Patricia Hogan

Neighbors
Ed Childers
Jim Hausauer
Jason Aylward

Review Agenda

- Introductions
- Public Comment – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – No public Comment

Treasurer's Report – Jon Salmonson - No Changes

Alderman Update – Ed Childers

Historic Preservation Ordinance -

Proposed ordinance and there is a disagreement over what the ordinance would cover. Most inclusive possibility would be stuff that's listed on the national historic list and stuff that's eligible to be listed there and anything in the historic district. There are two current historic districts. Downtown area wants to be a historic district is on the verge of becoming one and there are more eligible buildings and more historic districts that will probably be eligible and right there is where I am waffling on what I want because if something qualifies to be covered by the proposed ordinance then we have a historic preservation officer and a commission that can look at what you want to do and approve it or disapprove it. They claim they almost always approve it and they probably almost always do but if they disapprove it then the ordinance has some possibilities and one thing you have to do is make a good faith effort to go find somebody to buy this instead of knocking it down and doing something else there. So I don't know how you guys feel about that.

Question: (Jason Aylward) So if you already own it and you want to knock it down and build something new they can say no you can't do it.

Answer: (Ed Childers) They will say you need to go through the process before you can do it. And it sounds like they say it could take up to nine months to do that so you would have to figure it would take 3 or 6 months or a year.

The thing that I wanted to emphasize is that if something is on this list, historic register, it's there because the owner of the property agreed to put it there. Some owner sometime agreed to do that. If it's eligible to be on the list it's there because someone wants to preserve it. They probably don't own it and the owner very likely doesn't want it to be on the list and probably doesn't want to be subject to these rules. So if there are really things that need to be preserved or shouldn't be preserved or it's in the best interest of the city to preserve them and the owner doesn't want to do that should the government try to use its power to at least make these folks aware of what's going on and have them make an effort to preserve the thing before they do whatever they are going to do. For instance, the Catholic property. The owners of the property, the dioceses, wanted to put something else there, still wants to put something else there. The historic preservation folks looked at that stuff and said that's great stuff we should save that. But they didn't have any way to put a handle on it other than get the community in an uproar and get involved. So I don't know it's covered with power usage question and maybe since it's not a prohibition on doing what the folks want to do with their property. Maybe since it's not a prohibition but it does give the community, which might have community interest, in preserving some good stuff a chance to try to do that. Maybe I should support that. At least for the eligible buildings.

\$5 million dollars came in for housing at the former Athlete Club site.
Tiger Grant is still a possibility.

- **Park Committee** – Jim Hausauer

We are in a holding pattern on the big picture of stuff. We are very interested in the forest service property. Ellen Buchanan (Missoula Redevelopment Agency) keeps in regular contact with them. There are new players involved, there's a new regional forester and assistant and they need to get more oriented before we can have a discussion with those folks. Also, Jackie Corday and parks have been interested in completing the Bitterroot Trail so she's approached Rail Link and said we want to talk about right of way and in that discussion Rail Link said they had a larger parcel, the Rosco Steel site, and they are interested in selling that. Jackie Corday informed them we had no money. Jackie Corday will contact them at the end of the month regarding three different right of way areas.

Jim stated that now we will be working with Jackie Corday, Ellen Buchanan and possibly Roger Millar. Jim also brought up his idea for a new pocket park along the trail using a right of way.

Franklin Park (Jon Salmonson) – Susan Firth's opinion regarding north boundary of Franklin Park. A title report will be required to verify boundary. At this time the parks department can be asked for a title report to define boundaries but at this time does not have the funds to purchase a title report on behalf of the city. Jackie Corday states that the cost would be \$100 - \$150.00 per title report and it may take up to three to this boundary. They will run this by Dan Jordan one more time to see if they can get funding.

Motion by Jon Salmonson Second by Kathy Greathouse to:
Request to our Alderman to make a referral to the Conservation Committee to take care of this matter.

Bus Tour – (Jim Hausauer) Successful

Community Forum Update – (Jon Salmonson) Strategic planning update. Developing ideas as to agenda priorities. Focus on developing communication, newsletter, neighborhood blogs, and contacts.

Neighborhood Watch – option for going neighbor to neighbor.

Complete Streets , CDBG Grant – Sidewalks – MRA

Apply for CDBG funds even if the Tiger Grant comes through for those who qualify but there is no time left this year.

MRA – meeting tomorrow night at Meadow Hill for URDIII sidewalk project.

Update income demographics for our infrastructure plan and look at where grant monies would be most effective. (Checked OPG online and last updated information was 2000.)

Update Complete Streets Plan - Jon Salmonson, Kathy Greathouse
Looking for additional volunteers.

Neighborhood Watch/Dog Watch

Meeting Schedule for November & December

November Meeting November 24th as scheduled.

December TBD as December 22nd is so close to Christmas.

Discussion as to whether signs be used for quarterly general meetings, with other meetings to be Leadership Team meetings, which are still open to the general public, as planning meetings for the coming year.

Agenda items need to be submitted by Leadership Team by Wednesday November 18th, so agenda can be prepared. Contact Kathy Greathouse by e-mail (ksgreathouse@msn.com) or 239-6183.

Ask Janet Fiero to send out monthly e-mail with link to neighborhood web site.

Jason Aylward has volunteered to become a member of the Leadership Team after December 5, 2009. Discussion to follow.

NEXT General MEETING

Leadership Meeting Planning & General Meeting Planning in November.

Invite a Neighborhood Watch coordinator to present.

Sidewalk cleaning for Elderly & Disabled this winter – Check with Missoula Aging Services (Patricia Hogan to call for a contact.)

Meeting recorded by Kathy Greathouse.