

Minutes

Grant Creek Neighborhood Council Leadership Team
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., October 18, 2013
Montana Club North Reserve

Attending: Kim Birck, Ron Larsen, Dennis Muth, Brian Walter, Bert Lindler, Jane Kelly
(Neighborhood Coordinator)

Brian Walter moved that the Grant Creek Neighborhood Council support the Neighborhood Large Project grant application for \$3,000 to beautify three traffic control boxes along Reserve Street. Dennis Muth seconded the motion. The voice vote was unanimous in support of the grant application (Kim Birck, a county resident, did not vote because the vote involved the expenditure of city funds).

Brian Walter expressed concern that the engineering contractor designing the Grant Creek Trail and preparing bid documents has fallen at least a month behind schedule. Dennis Muth said that if the trail construction project can't be bid early next year, it will cost much more because contractors will have already lined up work for the construction season.

Dennis Muth expressed concern that nothing appears to be happening to improve southbound traffic flow on Grant Creek Road at the I-90 interchange. He has expressed his concern since the interchange was constructed with only one southbound lane. Brian Walter said the improving that constriction has been a concern of the neighborhood council and of Ward 2 council members for years, but nothing has happened.

Bert Lindler said that a grant application to improve the interchange was not successful. The Montana Department of Transportation is receptive to having the southbound lane restriped for two 10-foot lanes. One challenge is paying the cost of modifying the vehicle detection system that now relies on sensors buried in the pavement. New systems that use cameras could be installed, but either approach costs money.

Bert Lindler said that the Parks and Recreation Department and the contractor will be presenting the latest updates on the trail design and seeking public comment at the next neighborhood council meeting in November. Brian Walter said the meeting should be as early in November as possible.

Bert Lindler said that elections for the leadership team would be held at the November meeting. A slate of candidates will be prepared and nominations for the leadership team will be taken from the floor at the November meeting. Anyone interested in serving on the leadership team can contact Bert Lindler (blindler@montana.com).

The date for the November meeting will be set once it's clear when a representative from the city engineer's staff and representatives from the Parks and Recreation Department and TLI, the city's engineering contractor for the trail, can attend. A minimum of 15 days notice of the meeting will be provided as required for leadership team elections.

Minutes taken by Bert Lindler