

Grant Creek Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: March 2, 2015

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: The Montana Club
4561 N. Reserve St.
Missoula, MT 59808

Leadership Team Members Present: Bert Lindler, John Langstaff, Kim Birck, Ron Larsen, Brian Walter, Dennis Muth

Others Present: Adam Hertz, Ward 2 City Council, Jennifer Bernosky, Republic Services, Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator and Corena Maurer, Neighborhood Assistant

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1. Neighborhood Council Boundaries – Adjoining neighborhoods have not been assigned a Neighborhood council and need to be added – Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator - Jane Kelly explained that as the city has annexed neighborhoods, they haven't always been officially assigned to neighborhood councils as required. Several areas in the Grant Creek vicinity are not officially assigned to neighborhood councils. The first step in assigning such areas to neighborhood councils is a discussion and vote by the neighborhood council at a general meeting.
 2. Additional Lanes at the I-90 Interchange – Bert Lindler will discuss actions by Jordan Hess and Adam Hertz, City Council Members - Adam Hertz discussed the options for improving the southbound flow of traffic on Grant Creek Road at the I-90 interchange. The cheapest option involves painting a second southbound vehicle lane in the existing alignment with changes to the vehicle detection system for the two lanes (\$50,000). Depending on the amount of state support, it might be possible for the city to pay for that work using impact fees. More elaborate options that would provide a right-turn lane as well as a second through lane require some reconstruction to the interchange, could cost \$350,000 or more, and might require a special improvement district. Adam said that he and council member Jordan Hess hoped to ask residents attending the next neighborhood council general meeting which option they would like to pursue.
 3. Grant Creek Trail Status – Letter of Support for state Recreation Trails Program grant for cable rail along Grant Creek Road - Bert Lindler sought the leadership team's approval for a letter of support for the city of Missoula's Recreational

Trails Program grant request for funding to provide additional signage and a cable rail between Grant Creek Road and the Grant Creek Trail in the curving section of road alongside the city's Charlotte Reed Marbut Nature Reserve. Kim Birck made a motion to that effect that was seconded by Ron Larsen. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year Award – Letter of Support for Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year nominee - Bert Lindler sought the leadership team's approval for a letter of support for a nomination for the 2015 Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year award. Dennis Muth made a motion to the effect that was seconded by John Langstaff. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. Community Forum Report – Bert Lindler
6. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Jane Kelly - Jane Kelly discussed the need to assign newly annexed neighborhoods to neighborhood councils in several areas of the city, including Grant Creek. This matter needs to be discussed during a general meeting of the Grant Creek Neighborhood Council.

Jane also discussed the upcoming bus tour of neighborhoods on April 16. Each city neighborhood is featured on the bus tour every other year. Grant Creek will be featured this year. The nearly completed Grant Creek Trail will be one feature of the tour. If the bus travels Reserve Street to Grant Creek, the two traffic signal boxes completed last year (one by the Missoula Federal Credit Union, the other near the Hilton) can be pointed out. The proposed development along Grant Creek Road by Bretz RV southeast of I-90 can be discussed briefly as can the neighborhood council's persistent request for improved flow of southbound traffic at the Grant Creek Road/I-90 interchange.

John Langstaff, Kim Birck and Dennis Muth are scheduled to be Grant Creek's representatives on the bus tour. Bert Lindler may be in Wisconsin then, but if not, he plans to be on the bus.

7. New Business - None
8. Public comment on non-agenda items - Jennifer Bernosky from Republic Services expressed Republics' interest in encouraging curbside recycling in Missoula's neighborhoods. Residents store clean, mixed recycling in a 95-gallon container (like the trash containers but with a yellow lid) for curbside pickup once a month. The service costs \$13 a month.
9. Announcements - None