

**Lolo Community Council**  
**January 12, 2010 Meeting Minutes**  
(Approved 2/8/2010)

- ◆ **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Sue Hadnot.
- ◆ **Roll call:** A quorum was present consisting of Sue Hadnot, Gary Hoffman, Bill Geer Tom Wolf and Gary Buehler
- ◆ **Additions to the agenda:** There were no additions to the agenda
- ◆ **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the December 8, 2009 meeting were approved
- ◆ **Treasurer's report:** After receiving 2 "Flat fee" credits from BVB the current balance is \$1,123.93
  
- ◆ **Communications received:**
  1. Bank statement
  2. Lolo Peak News
  3. Bitterroot newspaper
  4. RFD "Smokescreen" newsletter
  5. Traveler's Rest-Heritage Foundation Newsletter
  6. Signed copy of the LCC/Missoula County contract
  7. May election notice (moved to New Business)
  8. Post card acknowledging receipt of bike path communication letter
  
- ◆ **Communications sent:**
  1. letters to Missoula Public Works and County commissioners (bike path)
  
- ◆ **Drafts for correction or approval:**

There were no draft communications this month
  
- ◆ **Special Reports:**

Tom Zeigler, newly assigned Battalion Chief for Lolo reported that no word has come regarding the grant request submitted under the stimulus program. He apprised the council of upcoming changes in the Fire Dept. organizational structure. A new Chief will take over on April 1.
  
- ◆ **Old Business:**

Payment of rent for January thru June - Council approved the payment of rent for period totaling \$300.
  
- ◆ **New Business:**
  1. Jace Holyoak, Eagle scout, requested Council endorsement for his Eagle Scout project which will consist of a "Welcome to Lolo" monument sign at the north end of town. Jace outlined his plans and hopes for his project. Tom Wolf suggested that Jace speak with Lowes in Missoula as they often lend support for community projects. Timeline and budget for the project were unknown at present. Council voted to draft letters of support to both BSA and County Commissioners.
  2. Proposed Lolo Vista apartment project - Nate Richmond and Harlan Wells approached the council requesting support for the proposed Lolo Vista apartment project which will be submitted to the Montana Board of Housing on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Sue expressed some concerns relating to increased Hwy 12 traffic. The question was raised concerning how the project will fit with changes anticipated in the Lolo Regional Plan. Council voted 3 to 1 to approve drafting a letter of support. Gary Buehler abstained. Letter of support will be drafted.

**New Business (Cont'd)**

3. Highway 12 Bike Path Group – This group is enlisting support for their request to obtain funding of \$1.2 million federal dollars to extend bike path construction along Hwy 12 and connect the historical sites of Traveler's rest and Fort Fizzle, a distance of approx. 4 miles. This request is being funneled through the office of our congressman, Denny Rehberg. The council voted to draft a letter of support for the funding. Roger Dibrito informed the council that the originally proposed county-funded bike path should be completed prior to the new school year. In addition, talks are underway to provide a safer trail through Traveler's Rest for school children walking from the Mormon Creek area.
4. May Election Notice – Sue received a notice from Debbie Merseal regarding the upcoming May election of council members. We still have one vacancy and Sue encouraged anyone in attendance to consider applying for the position. Sue Hadnot and Gary Buehler will be on the ballot in May.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Parks Board – No report
2. Trails Committee – Roger Dibrito commented further on the proposed walkway thru Traveler's Rest and suggested that a link be added to the council website to access the "Trail Blazer Project" a series of trails connecting our parks. Sue will contact Chuck to add the link
3. Traveler's Rest – Loren updated the council on activities relating to Traveler's Rest. The "Winter Storytelling" program is underway and going well.

◆ **Open Forum:**

1. Gary Buehler suggested that Jace Holyoak contact Lolo Peak News to feature his Eagle Scout project in an attempt to generate more community support and possible funding

- ◆ **Adjourn:** It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hoffman, LCC secretary