

Lolo Community Council
February 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes
(draft copy)

- ◆ **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Sue Hadnot.
- ◆ **Roll call:** A quorum was present consisting of Sue Hadnot, Gary Hoffman, Bill Geer Tom Wolf and Gary Buehler (27 attendees from the community were present)
- ◆ **Additions to the agenda:** There were no additions to the agenda
- ◆ **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting were approved
- ◆ **Treasurer's report:** current balance is \$823.93 after paying 6 months rent (1/1 to 7/1)
- ◆ **Communications received:**
 1. Bank statement
 2. Lolo Peak News
 3. Bitterroot newspaper
 4. RFD "Smokescreen" newsletter
 5. Traveler's Rest-Heritage Foundation Newsletter
 6. Post card acknowledging receipt of council letters

- ◆ **Communications sent:**
 1. Summit Housing Group
 2. 2 letters to Boy Scouts of America expressing support for Jace Holyoak's Eagle Scout project
 3. Missoula County Commissioners requesting support for Jace's project
 4. Copies of above letters to Jace Holyoak
 5. Letter to Highway 12 Bike Path Committee endorsing funds request

- ◆ **Drafts for correction or approval:**

There were no draft communications this month

- ◆ **Special Reports:**

Dan Merritt, Battalion Chief, advised that burn permits will soon be available at the station. Additionally he expressed guarded optimism that the requested grant money will be forthcoming. Tom Wolf suggested that the Council draft a letter thanking retiring Chief Curt Belts for his service to Lolo and the greater community. This will be done.

- ◆ **Old Business:**

Sue told those attending that there will be board elections in May. There is still one vacancy on the LCC as well as the Lolo School Board. Attendees were encouraged to sign up.

- ◆ **New Business:**
 1. Tim Elsea of Public Works provided an update on the status of the Hwy 12 bike path. MDOT will review final plans on March 1. Tim feels that construction of the bike path will be completed this summer. Pedestrian-activated high intensity LED lights will be installed at the crosswalk to alert traffic to the occupied crossing.
Tim also brought the attendees up-to-date with the status of the departments dust abatement program. 80 miles of roadway were treated last year using magnesium chloride which has proven effective. With add'l funding this year, an increase in the total program is anticipated. Tim reviewed the roadways that are currently on the list for dust abatement this year.

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2. Karen Hughes of Rural Initiatives presented the result of the department's work on developing zoning alternatives for North Lolo. 3 alternatives were displayed with alternative #3 being "status quo" which would leave the area unzoned. Several questions were raised with regard to the terms "conforming" and "non-conforming" found in the written alternatives. Karen said that there would be time after the council meeting to examine the alternatives more closely and that she would be available for questions and further discussion. The timetable for zoning implementation is geared to the fact that the present interim zoning is set to expire on May 31. As it stands, RI will recommend a zoning plan (Alternative 1 or 2) to the Planning Commission on March 1. She will be at the Lolo Community Council meeting on March 9 to bring us up to date on the plan. The plan will ideally be submitted to the Board of Commissioners in April for action keeping in mind the May 31 target date. Michelle Landquist, County Commissioner, was in attendance and encouraged the attendees to make their concerns, if any, known by writing or in person. She stated that the commissioners want to adopt a zoning plan that has widespread approval within the community. The council thanked Karen for her attendance and her presentation.
3. Mormon Creek and Hwy 12 traffic light:
Sue read an e-mail from Shane Stack of MDOT stating that a signal at the intersection of Mormon Creek and Hwy 12 was not warranted at this time. Michelle Landquist is pursuing the possibility.

Committee Reports:

1. Parks Board – No report
2. Trails Committee – No report
3. Traveler's Rest – No report

◆ **Open Forum:**

Sue suggested that those in attendance spend some time with reviewing the zoning alternatives with Karen.

- ◆ **Adjourn:** It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hoffman, LCC secretary