

Lolo Community Council

May 11, 2010 Meeting Minutes

(Final approved copy)

- ◆ Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Sue Hadnot @ 7:03 PM
- ◆ Roll call: A quorum was present consisting of: Bill Geer, Devin Jackson, Gary Hoffman, Sue Hadnot and Gary Buehler.
- ◆ Additions to agenda: None
- ◆ Approval of minutes: Minutes of the April 13th meeting were approved with minor correction. (Correction to spelling of Gary Buehler's last name.)
- ◆ Treasurer's Report: No checks issued since last meeting. Balance remains at \$813.13
- ◆ **Communications**

Received:

1. Banks statement
2. Lolo Peak News
3. Bitterroot Star
4. MFRD "Smokescreen" newsletter
5. Traveler's Rest Chapter/Heritage Foundation Newsletter
6. Press release announcing open seat for Council
7. Announcement of Lolo Watershed group meeting on 5/19
8. Confirmation of receipt by BCC of letter requesting support for sidewalks/bike paths

Sent:

- 1.) Letter to BCC requesting support for consideration of infrastructure improvements.
- 2.) Letter to Greg Robertson requesting consideration of infrastructure improvements.

◆ **Drafts for correction or approval:**

None

◆ **Special Reports:**

1. MFRD – Paul Finlay updated the group on the status of this year's fuel mitigation plans. There is \$300,000 available and 24 signed up (5 locally). Will begin in June. He said that Shannon Brownlee is now the new Captain in Lolo station. He further stated that the MFRD was unsuccessful in obtaining any stimulus grant money.
2. Sue introduced Bob Parcell, candidate for Missoula County Sheriff. Bob informed the attendees of his past experience and asked for their vote.
3. Champ Edmunds, candidate for House District 100, was also introduced and informed the attendees of his interest and qualifications in running for this seat in the fall.
4. Sue mentioned that the Council will schedule a "Meet the Candidates" forum in the fall.

◆ **Old Business**

1. Sue stated that the Lolo Community Council budget request was due on May 19. Sue and Devin will be requesting the maximum allotment of \$1000 for the year.
2. Rural Initiatives North Lolo Planning Proposal: Sue recapped the meeting held BCC on April 7. After the plan was revised, a protest was filed by Ken Allen and the Rossignol family as, collectively, they owned more than 50% of the properties involved. Charlotte Castle and Ken Miller stated that concerned property owners are preparing to file a lawsuit arguing against the protest and are waiting to see what the results of a similar lawsuit in Gallatin County will be. The protest puts everything back to "square one" with regard to planning efforts and no effort to change the status quo is allowed for a one year period. Many expressed concerns that this development would allow Mr. Allen to proceed with plans for a gravel and asphalt operation on his property. Sue suggested that interested individuals contact Rural Initiatives and get on their e-mail list to stay abreast of developments. The website is: www.co.missoula.mt.us/rural/LoloAreaRegionalPlan/NLoloProject.htm

◆ **New Business**

3. **Kearle Module Project:** The public comment period regarding the Transportation Department's EIS will not be extended and will end on May 14. A lively discussion of Exxon/Imperial Oil's plans to transport massive big rigs through Lolo from Lewiston ID to the tar sands of Alberta, Canada ensued. Zach Crete stated that he had read the 180 page EIS and, in his opinion, found it lacking in many areas. Wendy Sturgis, of Lolo Watershed, advised the participants that a meeting of their group will be held on 5/19 and the subject will be discussed. Sue will attempt to get a representative from the project to present their plans at a special meeting in May if possible (Note: The earliest such meeting will, of necessity, be in June after contact was made by Sue). Concerns expressed by the participants ranged from environmental impact to impact on existing infrastructure as well as traffic and safety concerns.
4. **All-Council Meeting of May 6:** Sue reported on the results of the All Council Meeting held on 5/6. It was noted that each council is required by law to review their by-laws once a year. She handed out copies of the council's existing by-laws and a template and asked that councils members take the time to review and prepare to discuss possible changes by the next meeting.
5. Sue indicated that there are new links available for accessing property ownership information. These links will be added to the LCC website.
<http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/propertyinformation/#>
General map information (i.e. political boundaries, school districts, fire districts, aerial photos, etc.) are available at:
<http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/atlas/>

◆ **Committee reports**

1. **Parks Board:** Sue stated that one member of the LCC needs to be on the Parks Board. She suggested that the placement be determined at the June Meeting.
2. **Highway 12 Bike Path committee:** Sue recapped her meeting with officials in Washington and advised the group that the extension to Ft. Fizzle is in limbo for present. Further discussion regarding the placement of crosswalks ensued and, while not finalized, will more than likely be located closer to the intersection of Hwy 93 due to higher speed limits allowed on portions of Hwy 12 west of Lolo.
3. **Trails Committee:** No report
4. **Traveler's Rest:** No report

◆ **Open forum**

1. Sue stated that information on the "Place Project" will be presented at the June 14th meeting. There were no items for open forum brought forth from the meeting attendees.

◆ **Adjournment-** The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hoffman, LCC Secretary