

Lolo Community Council  
June 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes  
*(Approved July 13, 2010)*

- ◆ **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Sue Hadnot @ 7:05 PM
- ◆ **Roll call:** A quorum was present consisting of: Bill Geer, Gary Hoffman, Sue Hadnot and Tom Wolf. Devin Jackson and Gary Buehler were absent.
- ◆ **Additions to agenda:** None
- ◆ **Approval of minutes:** Minutes of the May 11th meeting were approved as submitted.
- ◆ **Treasurer's Report:** Checks totaling \$34.58 were written during the month. Balance is \$780.55
- ◆ **Communications**
  - Received:*
    1. Bank statement
    2. Lolo Peak News
    3. Bitterroot Star
    4. MFRD "Smokescreen " newsletter
    5. Traveler's Rest Chapter/Heritage Foundation Newsletter
    6. E-mail announcement from Roger Dibrito regarding the establishment of the Bitterroot Farmers Market in Florence.
    7. Letter from Lolo Booster Club re: fundraiser scheduled for September. More info to follow.
  - Sent:*

None .
- ◆ **Drafts for correction or approval:**

None
- ◆ **Special Reports:**
  1. MRFD – Chris Newman was on hand representing MRFD. After a question from Wendy Sturgis, he advised the attendees that they are now accepting applications for Fire Mitigation grants.
- ◆ **Old Business**
  1. Rural Initiatives "North Lolo Planning Proposal": Karen Hughes of RI gave us an update with regard to the status of the NLPP; Missoula County Commissioners have adopted the special zoning pursuant to court action to settle the constitutionality of the protest that was filed by several landowners in the zoning area. She said that the lawsuit that is currently being adjudicated in Gallatin County will have a bearing on the outcome in Missoula County. More information can be found at the following website:  
[www.co.missoula.mt.us/rural/LoloAreaRegionalPlan/NLoloProject.htm](http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/rural/LoloAreaRegionalPlan/NLoloProject.htm)
- ◆ **New Business**
  1. "Place Project" (Practical Landscape Assessment for Conservation and Enhancement): Carey Lewis of Rural Initiatives provided an overview of the Place Project and its attempt to inventory and map information about conservation resources in Missoula County with an emphasis on those that can be affected by human land use and development. The end result would be a county-wide database of conservation resources and an atlas of resource maps. After explaining the basics of the project, she suggested that we take a 30 minute break and view the displays that had been prepared for each aspect of the project. Attendees were encouraged to submit any suggestions that would serve to enhance the project and make it more meaningful. She stated that much of the information will be used in Open Space Bond Project review as well as future subdivision review.

2. Kearn Module Transportation Project/Alberta Tar Sands Presentations: John Wolverton, a volunteer with the Montana Sierra Club provided information pertaining to the Kearn Module Transportation Project which involves transporting 207 huge loads of equipment destined for the Alberta, Canada tar sands oil fields over Highway 12 through Lolo and Missoula. He outlined the concerns that have been expressed by many regarding these shipments and the as yet unanswered questions regarding specific concerns. John also made the group aware of the fact that the project also means that the “big rigs” used to transport the modules will be returning through the area on their way to pick up another load in Lewiston, ID. John heartily encouraged those in attendance to express their concerns to their elected representatives as well as the MDOT. After John’s presentation, Mike Phelps of Northern Rockies Rising Tide provided an overview of Imperial Oil’s Alberta, Canada, operations to extract oil from the Alberta Canada tar sands. His media presentation focused on the negative environmental impact of the tar sands project and his concern that by allowing the shipments of equipment to pass through Montana we will be facilitating further environmental damage. He noted that several environmental groups had formed a coalition called “No Shipments Missoula”. More information is available through their website, [noshipmentsmissoula@googlegroups.com](mailto:noshipmentsmissoula@googlegroups.com)., Interested parties may also want to check out [northernrockiesrisingtide.wordpress.com/2010/05/22/a-walk-through-the-tar-sands](http://northernrockiesrisingtide.wordpress.com/2010/05/22/a-walk-through-the-tar-sands) Sue Hadnot will continue her attempts to get a representative from the Kearn Module Project to present their proposal in an effort to provide a balance of information for the community.
3. Election of Council officers and signature renewal @ Bitterroot Valley Bank: This item of New Business was tabled until next meeting due to the absence of two council members.

◆ **Committee reports**

1. Highway 12 Bike Path committee: Sue brought the group up-to-date with the Bike Path project. MDT has mandated changes in the planned crosswalks due to existing speed limits in the original plan placements. Sue is working with Greg Robertson of Public Works in revamping the plans and will be awaiting the results of design review..
2. Trails Committee: No report
3. Traveler’s Rest: Loren Flynn provided information as to recent developments at TR. New summer hours will be 8AM to 8PM. New dog policy has been established in that dogs will be allowed under leash control. New summer series will begin on June 19<sup>th</sup>. New exhibit has been in place for 1 ½ weeks. Bicycles will be limited to a 5 MPH speed limit.

◆ **Open forum**

1. Rich Stocker strongly suggested taking a further look at the tar sands website (see above)
2. Karen Hughes announced that Parks and Trails planning will be conducting workshops in the fall. Additionally, Karen advised the group that Addi Jadin will be leaving RI. Her replacement will be Laurie Hire with an effective date of June 14.

◆ **Adjournment-** The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hoffman, LCC Secretary