

Lolo Community Council
July 13, 2010 Meeting Minutes

(Approved copy)

- ◆ **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Sue Hadnot @ 7:02 PM
- ◆ **Roll call:** A quorum was present consisting of: Bill Geer, Gary Hoffman, Sue Hadnot and Tom Wolf and Gary Buehler. Devin Jackson was absent.

- ◆ **Additions to agenda:**

1. Tom Wolf asked that we address the issue of dead and dying trees on Ridgeway near the park.
2. Under Old Business, Sue added an update on the issues relating to Mormon Creek Rd.

- ◆ **Approval of minutes:** Minutes of the June 8th meeting were approved as submitted.

- ◆ **Treasurer's Report:** Check for \$300 (rent) was written during the month. Balance is \$480.55

- ◆ **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. News Release from Missoula County Resource Advisory Committee seeking projects. (attached)
7. Letter from Dan Berdage to County officials regarding continuing traffic problems on Mormon Creek Road primarily caused by the Vann's warehouse location and requesting action.

Sent:

None .

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

None

- ◆ **Special Reports:**

1. MRFD – Paul Finlay told the meeting that the MRFD has applied for a 2010-2011 grant for costs relating to fuel mitigation primarily for larger properties. MRFD will be burning two homes on Hwy12 near Lolo Steak House on either 7/17 or 7/24 to make room for the new Summit Housing apartment project. Sue asked about the dead Cottonwood trees near the area and Paul presumed that they would be dealt with.

- ◆ **Old Business**

1. Election of council officers for 2010 and BVB sig card renewal: Motion was made by Bill and seconded by Gary H that we postpone this item until next meeting. Motion passed.
2. A copy of Dan Berdage's letter regarding the inaction in dealing with Mormon Creek traffic and parking issues was read. No LCC action was requested at this time. Tom W suggested that the definition of "trucks" as described be more specific. It was suggested that the weigh station be used for overnight parking of trucks. There was a question as to whether or not the MDOT would allow such parking.

- ◆ **New Business**

1. *New recording equipment;*

Sue informed the council that we now have a digital recorder and microphone to replace our old tape cassette system for recording the meetings compliments of the county and our new RI contact, Laurie Hire.

2. *Parks and Trails Committee report:*

Tom Wolf, newly appointed representative from the council to the Parks and Trails Committee, reported on his first meeting. Primarily a “get acquainted” meeting, they also heard from a consulting group that is assisting in developing a 10 year plan for all trails. Tom indicated that the trails would be split between the city and county with no city influence on county trails. There is currently a 1 mil levy for parks resulting in approx. \$180,000/yr. This amount is split 3 ways with 1/3 going to actual parks, 1/3 to Fort Missoula operations and 1/3 for administration.

Tom also mentioned that various grants are oftentimes available but rarely applied for. 8 public workshops will be scheduled over the next few months and public surveys will be conducted. Lisa Moise is planning on being at our September mtg. to discuss local impact of decisions relating to parks. A discussion of the difference between “trails” and “sidewalks” ensued, particularly with regard to the cost of development and maintenance. Sidewalk construction is usually initiated by an SID.

3. *Creating sub-committees for “Meet the Candidates” and By-Laws review:*

Sue will head up the committee responsible for hosting a “Meet the Candidates” meeting prior to the November elections. She will enlist other community members for the committee. Sue will also see that each council member has a copy of the current by-laws as well as a by-laws template. Members are to review and submit revisions at the November meeting.

4. *Dead and dying trees on Ridgeway:*

Tom Wolf requested that action be taken to remove several dead and dying trees that are near the park on Ridgeway. He expressed concern for children safety. Tom made a motion that we communicate our concern to BCC, Public Works and RI. Motion was seconded by Bill Geer and motion was passed. A letter will be drafted. Sue also asked Paul Finlay of MFRD if this project could be funded and accomplished by way of the fuel mitigation program. Paul will investigate.

5. *Revisions to Lolo School Traffic Pattern:*

It was noted that Lolo School is attempting to resolve the problems with traffic issues during drop-off times and pick-up times. Construction is ongoing.

◆ **Committee reports**

1. Highway 12 Bike Path committee: No news to report.
2. Trails Committee: No report
3. Traveler’s Rest: No report.

◆ **Open forum**

No topics were requested

◆ **Adjournment-** The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hoffman, LCC Secretary

• NEWS RELEASE

United States

Department of Agriculture

Lolo National Forest

fs.usda.gov/lolo

For Immediate Release

Date: July 6, 2010

Forest Service

Lolo National Forest

Building 24, Fort Missoula

Missoula, Montana 59804

Contact: Boyd Hartwig 406 329-1024

Missoula County Resource Advisory Committee Seeking Projects

Missoula, MT. - The recently formed Missoula County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is now accepting project proposals for implementation in 2011 that provide benefit to National Forest System lands and ecosystems within Missoula County. The RAC will allocate approximately \$156,000 in project funding this year.

Established under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS Act) of 2000, the Missoula County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) has authority to recommend how Title II funds should be spent. Projects that qualify for Title II funding may occur on federal or non-federal land but must show a direct benefit to National Forest System lands.

The Act specifies that project objectives may include: roads, trails, infrastructure maintenance or obliteration; soil productivity improvement; improvements in forest ecosystem health; watershed restoration and maintenance; maintenance and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat; control of noxious and exotic weeds, and re-establishment of native species. At least 50 percent of all Title II funds must be used for projects that are primarily dedicated to road maintenance, decommissioning, or obliteration; or restoration of streams and watersheds.

For details on submitting a project proposal please contact Paul Matter at (406) 329-3948, or Boyd Hartwig at (406) 329-1024. Additional information regarding the Missoula County RAC can be found on the internet site https://www.notes.fs.fed.us/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf.

For more information, please contact the Lolo National Forest public affairs office at (406) 329-1024.

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