

Lolo Community Council
September 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes
(Approved October 5, 2010)

- ◆ **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Sue Hadnot @ 7:05 PM
- ◆ **Roll call:** A quorum was present consisting of: Sue Hadnot, Devin Jackson and Tom Wolf and Gary Hoffman. Gary Buehler was absent.
- ◆ **Additions to agenda:** None
- ◆ **Approval of minutes:** Minutes of the August 10th meeting were approved as submitted.
- ◆ **Treasurer's Report:** Check for \$100.00(Webmaster annual fee) was written during the month. Balance is \$340.55

◆ **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. Missoula City Parks Dept. Matching grant application
7. Missoula County-Request for comment on Lolo RSID #901 (Water/Wastewater Advisory Bd.
8. Submission of the Council's annual \$1000 budget request for the coming year.

Sent: None.

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

◆ **Special Reports:**

1. MRFD – Paul Martinson of MRFD updated the council on the status of funding for future fuel mitigation projects. It appears that funding is doubtful for next year. The planned fuel mitigation that was to take place at the park on Ridgeway has been indefinitely postponed by the Parks Dept. pending public input from surrounding homeowners. This project may not be accomplished until next year and funding may be an issue at that time.

◆ **Old Business**

1. Election of Council officers for 2010. Gary Hoffman was reelected to serve another term as Secretary. Other officers were elected at the 8/10/2010 meeting. (See 8/10 meeting minutes)

◆ **New Business**

1. Sue introduced Lisa Moisey of the Missoula County Parks Dept. who, in turn introduced others involved with the planning project:
Brian Trusty – PRO Consulting LLC, Joel Henrie – PRO Consulting LLC, Karen Hughes – OPG, Ann Cundy –OPG Transportation, Martha Yales – Park Board member and Horace Brown – Park Board member.
Linda explained that the project is in month 5 of what will be a year-long project. Meetings such as the one tonight will be conducted over the next few months to solicit public input and feedback. Brian gave a media presentation outlining the goals of the project explaining that of the 100 parks in Missoula County, 25 are in Lolo. At the conclusion of his presentation, he engaged the attendees in a brainstorming "blue sky" discussion focusing on what improvements are needed within the Parks program. The suggestions provided will be incorporated into the draft report and will be used to assist in the development of a final 10 year plan.
Ann Cundy, of OPG – transportation, discussed the ongoing plans to develop more trails and other non-motorized byways for use by the public. She is working with Roger Debrito in attempting to develop some connectivity within the trail system. She informed the group that there will be an October 7th workshop to be held at Missoula Children's Theater to discuss items relating to transportation including trails.

At this point, the attendees were invited to review large maps of the Lolo area that featured various park locations. We were asked to write any comments relating to specific parks directly on the maps, including suggestions for improvements or general comments.

All of the suggestions and input will be compiled and will be made available to the public on the Missoula County website:

<http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/rural/>

Once there, click on “Parks and Trails Plan”. This link will be able to provide you with all the current information pertaining to the progress and details of the plan. An informal survey is also available at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MissoulaCounty>

2. Lolo Vista Apartments: An exhibit furnished by Summit Housing was discussed. This exhibit outlines all of the required features and specifications for the apartments scheduled to be built on Highway 12 just east of the Lolo Steak House. The council will not be involved in providing input on this project.
3. Letter from Duane Pettersen to the council relating to Sewer Board issue: Duane stated his opinion that the Lolo Sewer Board (RSID#901) be retained in response to the County Commissioner’s request for input as to whether or not to dissolve the board. Their reasoning seems to be related to the difficulty in finding people to serve on the board. After discussion, the council elected to go on record as being in favor of continuing with the board. Tom Wolf shared his suggestion that board members be paid a small stipend for serving. This suggestion has been shared with the County Commissioners. A letter will be drafted to the County Commissioners in support of continuing the present board and stating our desire for local control.

◆ **Committee reports**

1. Highway 12 Bike Path group: Sue has communicated a request for consideration of funding to DC for the extension of the trail. The Public Works Dept. continues to work on securing the needed easements for the initial 1 ½ mile project.
2. Trails Committee: No report (other than that presented by Ann Cundy earlier in the meeting).
3. Traveler’s Rest: Loren shared that things were “winding down” from the summer. School field trips are still occurring on an irregular basis. No special programs are planned.
4. Candidates meeting – Sub committee: Planning is continuing for the October 5 “Meet the Candidates” meeting. Montana state legislature candidates will be here as well as the candidates for Missoula County Sheriff. A discussion of the “ground rules” for the Q and A ensued.

◆ **Open Forum:**

Devin Jackson commented on the seeming lack of communication between the County Board of Commissioners and the Montana Dept. of Transportation with respect to the Lolo Community Council. He asked that we invite representatives from each to attend our November meeting to discuss our concerns. Sue Hadnot will extend an invitation to both.

◆ **Adjournment-** The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hoffman, Lolo Community Council Secretary