

Lolo Community Council

June 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes

(approved July 12, 2011)

- ◆ Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Sue Hadnot, Chairperson @ 7:04 PM
- ◆ Roll call: A quorum was present consisting of: Will Geer, Gary Hoffman, Tom Wolf, Sue Hadnot, Gary Buehler and Devin Jackson.
- ◆ Additions to agenda: Tom Wolf added an update on the Lolo Trails subdivision ditch situation
- ◆ Approval of minutes: Minutes of the May 19, 2011 meeting were approved as written
- ◆ Treasurer's Report: 2 checks issued since last meeting. Balance stands at \$890.55

◆ Communications

Received:

1. Bank statement
2. Lolo School Highlights
3. Lolo Peak News
4. Bitterroot Star
5. Traveler's Rest Chapter/Heritage Foundation Newsletter

Sent:

None

◆ Drafts for correction or approval:

None

◆ Special Reports:

MRFD – Phil Martinson, Battalion Chief, was in attendance and updated the council regarding recent items relating to MRFD. Fuel mitigation program should begin on or about 6/27. Interested parties should call 549-6172 with proposals. Station 5 will be getting a new engine with increased water capacity (750 gallons vs. 500 gallons) and 22 gallon foam capacity.

◆ Old Business

1. *Tyler Way 4-way stop request:* Greg Robertson has responded to the request for a 4 way stop at the corners of Tyler Way and Lakeside as well as Tyler Way and Capri. This will not be possible due to several factors and Greg has responded personally to Mr. Sauter's request.
2. *Lolo Bike Path project:* Greg Robertson has advised us that the bid package for the Highway 12 Bike Path Project will go out toward the end of the month (June).

◆ New Business

1. *Delarka subdivision-speeding issue:* Will Geer informed the group that the Bitterroot Meadows HOA is asking for county help in enforcing the speed limits on Delarka. Appeals to the residents have not been heeded. Will has contacted Greg Robertson of public works and has been given some suggestions to help reduce speeds. A letter to Greg requesting assistance will be sent from the council. The HOA is also pursuing implementation of a Neighborhood Watch program. A discussion of such a program ensued. It was suggested that we should look into the possibility of having a representative or law enforcement attend our meeting periodically to address issues of this type. Sue will check into the possibility of having someone attend our August meeting.

2. *Ridgeway and Highway 93 intersection drainage problem:* Water seems to be pooling at this intersection and is turning to ice in the winter causing a dangerous situation. Will has investigated the problem and has contacted both Greg Robertson and the owner of the adjacent car wash to see what can be done. In response, Greg has informed Will that he would send someone to check into it with the objective to provide a remedy. For his part the car wash owner will be careful not to block the drain when plowing his lot.

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3. *Lolo Creek subdivision update:* Tom updated the group as to the continuing situation with the attempt to resolve the drainage ditch issue within this subdivision. There are some safety concerns regarding the recent plan as the ditch will be near 6 feet deep at certain points.

4. *Lolo Community Council Boundary issue:* The council reviewed the recent e-mail from RI relating to process for changing the present LCC boundary which currently reflects the boundary lines of the Lolo and Woodman school districts. There are many unanswered questions and a motion was made and approved to form a subcommittee to explore the issue further. The members of the subcommittee will be Sue Hadnot, Gary Hoffman and Tom Wolf.

5. *Tim Netzler letter:* Gary suggested that we send a letter to Tim Netzler both advising him of the council's decision to continue holding our meetings at the Community Center and thanking him for his generous offer to use the unoccupied former Baptist church for our meetings at no cost. Gary will draft a letter.

6. *Promotion and communication to residents of council meetings:* The council engaged in a discussion of possible ways to generate more interest and attendance at the monthly meetings of the council. Sue suggested that we possibly incorporate the use of "sandwich boards" strategically placed in the community a few days before our scheduled meetings. A sample of such a board was shown and after discussion, a motion to purchase two boards and inserts was made, seconded and approved. Sue will coordinate this purchase with Kathy Means of Hayloft Graphics. It was further suggested that we invest in some means to secure the signs when in use such as padlocks and/or chains.

◆ Special Reports:

1. Trails Committee- Jean Belangie-Nye provided an update on the continuing efforts to provide a bike/pedestrian trail from Lolo to Missoula. Funds are needed to fund a feasibility study before anything can proceed with this project. Grant money may be available from the Federal Lands Highways Program and the committee is involved in lobbying for possible funding. Jean asked that the council assist in this effort by communicating with the coordinator of this program in support of the trail project. The Secretary will draft a letter using information supplied by Jean.
2. Traveler's Rest- Jean informed the council of a recent development that may bring a Lewis and Clark expedition rifle to Traveler's Rest for permanent display. The rifle appears to be marked "Harper's Ferry # 12" which would, if certified, make it a rare find indeed. Efforts are underway to authenticate the rifle.

◆ Open Forum:

Sue handed out copies of updates and revisions to the Community Council Handbook for inclusion in our copies of same.

◆ Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hoffman,
Secretary, Lolo Community Council