

# Lolo Community Council

## March 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes

(Approved at April 12, 2011 meeting)

- ◆ Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Sue Hadnot, Chairperson @ 7:03 PM
- ◆ Roll call: A quorum was present consisting of: Will Geer, Devin Jackson, Gary Hoffman, Tom Wolf, Sue Hadnot and Gary Buehler.
- ◆ Additions to agenda: Devin asked that we add “Big Rig Update” to Old Business.
- ◆ Approval of minutes: Minutes of the February 8 meeting were approved as written
- ◆ Treasurer’s Report: No checks issued since last meeting. Balance remains at \$290.55

### ◆ 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. Applications for matching grant program from Parks Dept.

*Sent:*

None

### ◆ Drafts for correction or approval:

1. Letter to Greg Robertson inviting him to our meetings as a result of dissolution of RSID901. Copy of MCBC letter of February 3 attached to letter. *Letter was approved with slight changes.*
2. Letter to Greg Robertson indicating our desire to be advised as to the status of the Hwy 12 bike path bid scheduled for March. *Approved as written.*

### ◆ Special Reports:

1. MRFD – Paul Finlay updated the group with regard to MRFD activities. Paul will work with Linda Moise to take care of beetle kill trees this spring. He asked that MRFD be added to the agenda for the April meeting to review their annual report. Sue will Add to April agenda Paul commented that the MRFD finished well in the team stair climb competition to benefit Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

### ◆ New Business

Sue introduced Paul Hubbard representing the Community Food and Agricultural Coalition. Paul informed the group regarding the work of CFAC in working toward protecting prime farming and ranching land within Missoula County and City. He expressed concern that without policies in place to protect these lands, while also balancing the interests and property rights of landowners, we will continue to lose these valuable resources. Further information can be found at [www.MissoulaCFAC.org](http://www.MissoulaCFAC.org). Paul handed out copies of their Executive Summary which summarizes their concerns and activities. At the conclusion of his presentation, at which time he requested the council’s support for their recommendations, the council thanked him for his bringing CFAC’s concerns to our attention.

### ◆ Old Business

1. Report on Hwy 93/Glacier Way Traffic turn pattern-Tom wolf and Will Geer  
Nothing new to report, Further survey of Ridgeway residents will take place in the next couple of months.
2. Subdivision Listening Sessions-Will Geer  
Will reported on his attendance at the Subdivision Listening Session of February 11. The session was well attended and a wide variety of opinions and interests were expressed. Will was told that RI intended to publish a recap of the meeting within two to three weeks. Sue will follow up with RI to see when we might see the document

3. LCC meeting location and Community Center rent discussion:

A discussion regarding the present status of our rental agreement with the Community Center was conducted. The offer to use the Hwy 93 Convergence Ministries facility for our meetings at no charge was introduced again by Tim Netzley. Will and Gary have toured the facility with Tim and indicated that it would be suitable for our needs. A motion was made by Tom Wolf and seconded by Will Geer to invite a representative of the Community Center Board to attend our April meeting to further explore our options. Cost continues to be a concern given our annual stipend from the county.

4. All Council Spring Meeting:

Plans are being made for an All council Spring Meeting to be held either May 24,25 or 26. Final date will be announced. The topic for the meeting will be “Economic Development”.

4. Big Rig update:

The first of the Conoco big rigs has now passed through Lolo. The 2<sup>nd</sup> load should be through early Wednesday morning. The two loads will then make their way through Missoula Thursday morning. There is still some confusion regarding the status of the Imperial Oil Kearle Modules. It is still not certain which route they will take after modifications are made to reduce their height.

◆ **Committee reports**

1. Highway 12 Bike Path committee: Sue has submitted official request for \$1.4 million to Senator Max Baucus and the Senate Appropriations Committee for construction of the 3.4 mile extension of the Highway 12 bike path to Fort Fizzle. The initial 1 mile construction should be finished this summer.
2. Trails Committee: No report
3. Traveler’s Rest: Loren introduced Martha Lindsey, the new Education Program coordinator to the council. Loren spoke on the current bills under consideration by the MT legislature that have the potential to impact the funding for state parks including Traveler’s Rest. SB13 is currently in committee but would change the current \$4 fee that is included in the auto registration to “Opt-in” rather than the current “Opt-out” resulting in significant reduction in fees that are earmarked for Parks. HB370 has passed the house and, if passed by the Senate would increase the “opt-out” fee from the present \$4 to \$6.
4. Parks board: Nothing to report other than the Matching Grant applications now available.

◆ **Open forum**

1. Submission of revised by-laws: Motion was made by Will Geer to submit the revised by-laws to RI. Seconded by Devin Jackson and motion was approved.
2. Sue brought the council up to date regarding legislation that is currently pending in Helena relating to definition of a guest ranch (HB258) and HB 494 regarding changes to subdivision law.
3. A question was raised with regard to who exactly has responsibility for enforcement of conditions placed on developers of subdivisions as part of the approval process. Motion was made by Devin and seconded by Tom to invite RI to shed some light on this subject at our next meeting. Motion was approved. Sue will extend the invitation to RI

◆ **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion approved and meeting was adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hoffman, LCC Secretary