

Lolo Community Council Meeting Notes

October 13, 2009

(final approved copy)

General Issues:

- The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Devin Jackson
- Members present: Devin Jackson, Gary Hoffman, Bill Geer and Tom Wolf
- Additions to the agenda: Tom asked about the possibility of sidewalk funding for Lolo using funds from the "Tax Increment Financing District" on Expressway. Karen Hughes will respond later in the meeting under New Business portion.
- Devin recognized our new board member, Gary Buehler. Gary has been approved by the commissioners but not yet officially sworn in. There now remains only one vacancy on the board and that opening will be re-advertised with a deadline of November 3.
- Approval of minutes: The minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting were approved.
- Treasurers Report: No checks were issued and our balance remains unchanged at \$131.92.

New Business:

- Devin reviewed the list of communications normally received and mentioned that we also received the Missoula County/Community Council contract. The contract has been modified at the request of Devin who asked that the indemnification clause be revised. The contract also provides a \$250 quarterly stipend for the operation of the council.
- Gary Buehler, newly appointed council member, spoke briefly regarding his motivation for wanting to serve the community by being on the council board.
- Tom Wolf brought up what he considered to be a continuing problem regarding bicyclists using the bike lane and vehicle traffic attempting to turn across the lane. Devin reiterated that the Sheriff's spokesman has made it clear that cyclists have the same right-of-way as pedestrians in this situation. Further review may be warranted as to placing warning signs on the bike path alerting cyclists to be aware of traffic.
- Special Reports: There were no special reports.
- Karen Hughes responded to Tom Wolf's earlier request concerning possible funding for Lolo sidewalks. She informed the meeting that the "Tax Increment Financing District" on Expressway utilizes funds that are generated from properties in that specific area and are earmarked for improvements in that specific area only.
- Community Council Survey-Stephanie Strobe
Karen Hughes introduced Stephanie Strobe, an intern with OPG, who was conducting a survey of various Community Councils in an effort to see where the County and the councils can improve their overall relationship. Council members provided input for her survey and we look forward the finished result.

Old Business:

- Mormon Creek Traffic Study: MDOT has completed the Mormon Creek traffic study and will be present at the November meeting of the council to report their findings. As a side note the council expressed a desire to request that Public Works consider installing sidewalks on Mormon Creek Road for public safety reasons, particularly the safety of school children coming and going to school.
- Lolo Land Use Policy Meeting: Karen reported that North Lolo and the downtown area will have priority and that they will attempt to deal with interim zoning issues brought up at last month's public meeting.

Old Business (cont'd)

- “All Council” meeting – Karen Hughes
Karen mentioned that plans are being made for an “All Council” meeting on November 18 from 6:00 to 7:00. At least one council member from each Community Council should plan on attending. More details will be forthcoming.
- Willis Curdy, currently serving on the board of the Target Range Neighborhood Plan Development Group, updated the Lolo council on the steps they are taking to have a greater voice in the planning for future development in the Target Range area of the city.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports. It was noted that there is currently a vacancy on the Open Spaces Board.

Adjournment:

- Motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.