

Lolo Community Council

November 10, 2009 Meeting Minutes

(Approved 12/8/09)

◆ ***Call to Order:*** The meeting was called to order by Sue Hadnot at 7:00 PM

◆ ***Member present:*** Tom Wolf, Devin Jackson, Sue Hadnot & Gary Hoffman

◆ ***Additions to agenda:*** Devin confirmed that we have received the contract (with revised indemnification clause) from the County Commissioners for action.

◆ ***Approval of 10/13 meeting minutes:*** Minutes were approved as written.

◆ ***Treasurers Report:*** No change from previous month. Presently balance is \$131.92

◆ ***Communications Received:***

1. Bank Statement
2. Lolo Peak News
3. Bitterroot Star newspaper
4. Rural Fire Dept. newsletter
5. Traveler's Rest Chapter/Heritage Foundation newsletter
6. Press Release-LCC vacancy
7. Reminder notice to submit signed contract from county commissioners

◆ ***Special Reports:*** Missoula Rural Fire Dept. representative reported that they responded to a structure fire in Sleeman Gulch, cause as yet unknown. No word on status of the stimulus grant request. He reminded all to replace batteries in smoke detectors in conjunction with time change.

◆ ***Old Business:***

1. There is still one vacancy on the LCC board.
2. 3 members of the LCC board will be attending the All Council Meeting on 11/18.
(Sue Hadnot, Gary Buehler and Devin Jackson)
3. Revised contract was signed by Sue and Devin and will be returned to the commissioners.

◆ ***New Business:***

1. Mountain Line: Steve Earl and Stephanie Millar made a presentation to the attendees regarding the planning involved with providing Mountain Line bus service to and from Lolo. A survey form will be helpful in determining the level of service that Lolo residents will want. These survey forms will be distributed to Missoula employers and will also be available at Harvest Foods in Lolo, the proposed bus stop location. Information will be available on the Mountain Line website at: Mountainline.com. The service, if garnering community support will initially utilize 5311 funding with the possibility of later merging the area into the Missoula Urban Transportation District. In this scenario, the voters would be asked to approve a mill levy resulting in an approximate increase of \$50 on the average household property tax bill. Stephanie will keep the council informed as to the survey results. A covered bus stop would be provided and some discussion regarding placement and design was offered by meeting attendees.
2. Tim Elsea-Public Works: Tim told the board that the proposed bike path for Highway 12 is now scheduled for completion in summer of 2010. The board requested that this be a firm and unchanging schedule as this project had been delayed excessively. A letter will be drafted to the County Commissioners expressing our desire that the project receive the highest priority. Tim said that all but two or three easements have been obtained for the project & design is completed. The board asked that a bike path for Mormon Creek road be considered for the

safety of students walking to and from school. Tim made a note of the request. He will be soliciting requests for projects in the near future and will advise us when that is published. We can then submit a formal request for consideration. A letter to Public Works asking for notification of publication will be drafted. Tim told us that he will update the council regarding the Hwy 12 bike path project at our February 2010 meeting.

3. Shane Stack-MDOT: Shane informed the council that a meeting to finalize the revised speed limits on highway 93 south of Lolo will be held in Helena on December 3. He felt that the speeds and locations recommended by the council will be approved at that time. Shane was asked about the status of our request for a signal study at the Hwy 93/Mormon Rd intersection. Shane had no knowledge of our request but said that he would e-mail Devin with any information he can obtain. When questioned, he explained that the revised speed limit north of Lolo was requested by the commissioners and had been in the works for some time. It was felt that the revised speed reflected the actual traffic speeds on that stretch of roadway.
 4. Parks Board: There was no Parks Board report but Karen said that Lisa would be at the December meeting and update the council at that time.
 5. Trails Committee: Jean Belangie-Nye and Roger Dibrito gave the council an update. Jean informed the group that they had joined the Bicycle/Walk Alliance for Missoula, a 501-3C organization which may improve the committee's access to grant monies. Roger introduced a new brochure designed to solicit donations and promoting the establishment of a trail system between Lolo and Missoula along the Bitterroot corridor.
 6. Lolo Watershed Group: Wendy Sturgis provided an update on the activities of their group. She mentioned that they had received a grant from DEQ to assist their efforts and will be holding a meeting on the 17th of this month in conjunction with the Clark Fork Coalition to discuss ways to improve the Lolo creek watershed. Wendy suggested that we consider having a "Holiday Party" next month for all of the committees and service groups in Lolo. She and Sue Hadnot will explore the possibilities.
 7. Rural Initiatives: Karen said that they are proceeding with the Lolo Regional plan regarding issues related to the north end of Lolo. She will be using a couple of graduate students in the effort.
 8. Devin, on behalf of the council, thanked commissioner Michele Landquist and Karen Hughes for taking the time from their busy schedule to attend our meeting.
- ◆ **Adjournment:** A motion for adjournment was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hoffman
Lolo Community Council secretary