

**Lolo Community Council**  
*December 8, 2009 Meeting Minutes*

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Sue Hadnot @ 7:14 PM
- **Roll Call:** a quorum consisting of Sue Hadnot, Devin Jackson, Gary Hoffman & Gary Buehler were present
- **Additions to the Agenda:** There were no additions to the agenda
- **Approval of minutes:** Minutes of the 11/10 meeting were approved with one minor correction
- **Treasurer's report:** Sue reported that we have received the full annual amount of \$1000 from the County. Our current balance is \$1,115.92.
- **Communications Received:**
  - Bank statement
  - Lolo Peak News
  - Bitterroot Star newspaper
  - Rural Fire Dept. Newsletter
  - Traveler's Rest/Heritage Foundation Newsletter
- **Communications Sent:** None
- **Drafts for correction or approval:**
  - Bike path letter to County Commissioners requesting support was approved and signed. Will be mailed on 12/9/09.
  - Letter to Tim Elsea requesting notification of date for project suggestion public input will be corrected to reflect current date, signed and sent by 12/9.
- **Special Reports:**
  - Dan Merritt of MRFD advised us of a seasonal PSA relating to safety issues and precautions to be taken during the holiday season. Sue mentioned that the MRFD has a link to their site on our website.
- **Old Business:**
  - *All Council Meeting of November 18.:* Devin and Sue reported on their experience at the All Council Meeting held on 11/18. At the conclusion of the meeting the newly created Missoula County Community Council handbook was distributed. A suggestion for future meetings would be that both the Commissioners as well as a representative from the City Attorneys office be in attendance. Attendees expressed some shared frustrations in producing results from governmental agencies in a timely manner.
  - *Mormon Creek Issues:* Devin reported on the MDT Traffic Light Warrant Study for Mormon Creek/Hwy 93. The data has been collected and is being compiled and should be issued in the spring of 2010. Initial indications are that a traffic light would not be warranted at this time. Dan Bourdage spoke on the need to enlarge the turning radius on Mormon Creek road to allow tractor-trailer trucks (primarily Vann's) to enter. Devin reiterated that Public Works is aware that Mormon Creek road is not suitable for present traffic needs. Christine Anderson expressed her concerns regarding child safety on Mormon Creek due to lack of sidewalks. Sue will contact Greg Robertson to express our concerns and asked Devin to also contact Greg in about a week. Sue suggested that Christine mobilize her neighbors to petition the County Commissioners for action on a grassroots level. A short discussion was conducted regarding the criteria that MDT uses to warrant a traffic light.

- *Mountain Line Survey*: Sue encouraged everyone to access the Mountain Line website and complete the survey regarding establishing bus service between Lolo and Missoula.
- **New Business:**
  - *Trails Connectivity Study*- Linda Moisey- County Parks Board
    - Four UM students are working on preparing a trail connectivity project as part of their studies. Not yet completed.
    - Linda advised the group of the availability of matching grant funding for projects. An Eagle Scout has constructed many improvements at Riverside Park to comply with ADA as an example of what can be done.
    - Upcoming projects include a reworking of the basketball courts at Westview Park to mitigate traffic issues and improve the facility with new standards and a realignment of the courts
    - Linda advised the board that the County Parks Board wishes to work with adjacent landowners to combat Pine Bark Beetle and noxious weed problems within the park areas.
  - *Flashing caution light*: This light will be installed on Hwy 12 at mile marker 18-19 to caution drivers of moose crossing the highway.
- **Committee Reports:**
  - *Parks Board*: The Parks Board needs a Community Council member to serve on the Parks Board as an advisor. The council will address the need at the January meeting.
  - *Trails Committee*: No report
  - *Travelers Rest*: No report
- **Open forum:**
  - No response to request for comments from attendees.
- **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Gary Hoffman, Secretary