

Lolo Community Council

Minutes for June 9, 2009

- 👉 Call to Order: Chairman Sue Hadnot called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- 👉 Roll Call: Sue Hadnot, Tom Wolf, William Geer and Robert Turner were present
- 👉 Call for Additions to the Agenda: None
- 👉 Approval of the Minutes of Apr. 14, 2009: Approved as written.
- 👉 Treasurer's Report: The balance as of June 9, 2009 was, \$736.98. No checks were written. A motion was made by Geer and seconded by Wolf and passed unanimously to add William Geer and Thomas Wolf as authorized signatures on the Lolo Community Council checking account held at Bitterroot Valley Bank in Lolo.

👉 Communications:
Received:

1. Bank Statement
2. Lolo Peak News
3. Bitterroot Star paper
4. Rural Fire Dept.: Smokescreen Newsletter
5. Travelers' Rest Chapter/Heritage Foundation Newsletter
6. Jill Clapperton, Bitterroot Resort: Request to be on agenda for discussion about the Community Benefits Coalition Agreement

Sent:

1. None

👉 Drafts For Correction or Approval

1. Summit Management Group –Affordable Housing Project Letter approved as corrected (attached as Addendum)

👉 Special Reports

1. Missoula Rural Fire Department – Bill Colwell
The Lolo RFD has implemented the 2009 Fuels Reduction Plan to help Lolo residents reduce the fire hazards on their own property. For \$150 per resident, which is cost-shared by the Lolo RFD at \$150, a crew of four workers will provide 8 hours of labor to clear fuels within 150 feet of a residence. Wood fuel up to 9 inches diameter will be chipped and spread across the resident's yard. Residents must arrange and pay for hauling wood chips off their property. The service is available at this time; call Lolo RFD at 549-6172 to make an appointment.

👉 Old Business:

1. Summit Management Group – Affordable Housing Project in Lolo
The deadline for submitting an application for a tax exemption has been moved to July 13, 2009.
2. June 4th Air Quality Open House had were great presentations, but only our people attended.
3. Interim Zoning for North Lolo Property (Ken Allen's property gravel pit/asphalt plant property) has been extended to May 13, 2010.
4. Travelers' Rest Funding – Loren Flynn
H.B. 645 passed and included \$180,000 to pay part of the park operations for the next two years.

👉 New Business:

1. Rural Initiatives – Absent this meeting
2. Lolo Regional Planning Meeting – June 15th at 6:00 – 9:00 PM
The Stakeholders report from the Lolo Plan Consultants will be presented in the Lolo Community Center. LCC members are welcome to come and help.
3. Bitterroot Resort – Jill Clapperton,;
Informational only; no action requested. Clapperton talked about the Community Benefits Coalition Agreement, but does not know who it represents. Clapperton wants LCC to coordinate and organize meetings of the Community Benefits Coalition as a basis for community discussions. Clapperton also wants the Missoula County Office of Planning & Grants involved. LCC Chair Hadnot reported that the LCC had earlier decided to remain neutral on the Bitterroot Resort issue, and no changes to that position were made tonight.
4. LCC Web Site Proposal – Charles Crouter (charles@crouter.com)
The LCC has already decided to have a Web site constructed, and Crouter was recommended as an affordable consultant to build it. Wolf moved to pay Crouter to construct a LCC Web site and Geer seconded; the motion passed unanimously. The site should accommodate Agenda, Meeting Minutes, Dates and Locations of LCC Meetings, LCC Membership and Contact Information, and links to other pertinent Web sites and documents, such as the Lolo Regional Plan and non-profit groups.

👉 Committee Reports:

1. Parks Board – No report.
Traveler's Rest received a \$2,500 grant.
2. Lolo Mosquito Board – No report.
Jean Belangie-Nye is on the Lolo Mosquito Board.

👉 Open Forum:

1. Roger DeBrito reported that Ravalli County is exploring the restoration of passenger rail service up the Bitterroot Valley. The interest is in tourist and dinner riders. DeBrito would like to be the LCC liaison on this.
2. The Lolo Watershed Group received a \$10,000 grant from DEQ.

👉 Adjourn: Wolf moved to adjourn and Geer seconded. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

June 9, 2009

Summit Management Group
283 W Front St; Ste 1
Missoula, MT 59802

Dear Sir and Madam:

On May 5, 2009 the Lolo Community Council was presented with a proposal by Summit Housing Group to create affordable income rental housing in Lolo. The proposed site is on Lewis and Clark Road just off Highway 12, near Lolo Creek Steakhouse. The council submits this letter in support for the application of tax incentives on the proposal. As you know Summit cannot begin the planning process for the site until the tax incentives have been approved. Please be advised that this letter of support by the Lolo Community Council is only for the application for tax incentives, and is not a letter of support for the final approval of the project.

The Council appreciates the attempt to create a better life for all of our community members, and looks forward to reviewing a finalized proposal. We are pleased to show support for moving this project to the next step, and look forward to examining the design in the next step of planning.

We appreciate your consideration,

Lolo Community Council

/signed/
Sue Hadnot
Chairman

/signed/
Tom Wolf
Council Member

/signed/
William Geer
Council Member

/signed/
Robert Turner
Council Member