

Lolo Community Council

August 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes

(Approved October 11, 2011)

- ◆ Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Sue Hadnot, Chairperson @ 7:00 PM
- ◆ Roll call: A quorum was present consisting of: Will Geer, Gary Hoffman, Tom Wolf, Sue Hadnot, Gary Buehler and Devin Jackson.
- ◆ Additions to agenda: Tom Wolf suggested that we send a letter to MRFD thanking them for their fuel mitigation efforts at Ridgeway Park area.
- ◆ Approval of minutes: Minutes of the July 12, 2011 meeting were approved as written
- ◆ Treasurer's Report: 1 checks issued since last meeting. Balance stands at \$773.20

◆ Communications

Received:

1. Bank statement
2. Lolo School Highlights
3. Bitterroot Star
4. Traveler's Rest Chapter/Heritage Foundation Newsletter
5. Summit Management Group-open House to be held at the recently completed low income housing development on September 9.

Sent:

1. WGM – Alexandra subdivision review recommendations.

◆ Drafts for correction or approval:

None

◆ Special Reports:

MRFD – Paul Finlay updated the group regarding MRFD activity. Fuel mitigation has been completed within the two Lolo parks. MRFD will be participating in Breast Cancer awareness program. Shirts promoting same will be available at the firehouse. Paul provided information on the recent fire on Michael Ct. involving a shed fire. Jean Belangie-Nye and Bea Paulson asked Paul for legality of open campfires on residential property. A discussion ensued regarding restrictions for such fires. This led to a discussion of a local problem in which several homeowners complained of open fires and unruly behavior in their neighborhood. Detective Jason Johnson of Missoula County Sheriff's Dept. responded to the complaints by encouraging the offended parties to contact the Sheriff's Dept. with their concerns. Jim Carlson of Missoula County Health Dept. also outlined the scope of his department's ability to remedy the problems expressed. Kay Plank and John Mareau, neighbors of Carol Myington and her son, Jevin also registered their complaints.

- ◆ **New Business:** Sue introduced **Trooper Bailey** of the Montana Highway Patrol. He briefly described the role of the Highway Patrol in keeping our highways safe. He described the area of coverage as related to the number of officers available. Trooper Bailey fielded questions from the attendees and the council regarding various traffic laws, etc. MHP involvement in "Big rig" transport projects is limited to off-duty officers and paid by the contractor, not the state.

Jason Johnson, Missoula County Sheriff detective was introduced and gave an overview of the duties of officers patrolling with the dept. The subject of excessive speed on Tyler Way was introduced by Lindsay Crocker and Det. Johnson responded by saying that he would check to see if a speed sign that shows motorist's speed might possibly be available for use on that street. Jerry Boston complained of a trailer blocking a view of oncoming traffic and asked what can be done about it. Jason suggested calling the Sheriff's dept. and they will look into it. He suggested using the alternate emergency phone #: 728-0911.

Jim Carlson of the Missoula County Health Dept. was introduced by Sue. Jim explained the process for changing and modifying county rules and laws in the state of Montana. It seems that such changes and new rules are to be considered and acted upon by the state legislature. He went on to explain the function of the Health Dept. and the specific areas for which they have responsibility. Suffice it to say that the dept. covers a broad range of services.

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◆ **New Business (Cont'd)**

Mitch Doherty of OPG was introduced by Sue and gave the group an overview of his office. He was further able to weigh in on a recent dispute regarding land use policy. It seems that Dale Wisbee had moved two trailers unto his property on River Drive and has experienced difficulty in obtaining the necessary permits, etc. Mr. Wisbee is hoping to rent the units once permits are obtained. Many of the neighbors have expressed concern regarding the appearance of said trailers and the impact they may have on property values, etc. Mitch explained that OPG only deals with zoning issues and that permits needed for mobile homes are a function of the Dept. of Building and Safety. According to Mitch, Mr. Wisbee's property is zoned appropriately for mobile home use. Currently the double wide is red-tagged awaiting completion of an approved foundation.

◆ **Special Reports:**

1. Trails Committee- No report
2. Traveler's Rest- No report
3. Highway 12 bike Path project: Construction of this long awaited project is set to begin on August 22nd with completion scheduled in November.
4. Parks Board: No report

◆ **Old Business:**

Council Boundary Discussion: This item was postponed until the September meeting due to the late hour.

◆ **Open Forum:**

Sue introduced Jack Jenks, representing Summit Management, the developer behind the low income housing units on Highway 12. He thanked the council for their support of the project and invited all to an Open House at the development on September 9. Sue thanked him for waiting so long to address the council.

◆ **Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hoffman,
Secretary, Lolo Community Council