

Lolo Community Council

July 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes

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- ◆ Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Sue Hadnot, Chairperson @ 7:04 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: None
- ◆ Approval of minutes: Minutes of the June 14, 2011 meeting were approved as written
- ◆ Treasurer's Report: 4 checks issued since last meeting. Balance stands at \$315.20

◆ **Communications**

Received:

1. Bank statement
2. Lolo School Highlights
3. Bitterroot Star
4. Traveler's Rest Chapter/Heritage Foundation Newsletter
5. WGM Group – Subdivision Review request
6. Lolo Mosquito District

Sent:

1. Thank you letter to Tim Netzler
2. Letter to Cindy Ptak supporting funding for Lolo-Missoula Trail

◆ **Drafts for correction or approval:**

None

◆ **Special Reports:**

MRFD – Paul Finlay updated the group regarding MRFD activity. Paul indicated that burning will more than likely be discontinued within the next week or two as fire danger increases. MRFD will begin fuel mitigation on 7/13 within the two Lolo parks. New equipment has arrived at the Lolo station. (See June minutes for details) Tom Wolf asked about the legality of Using “burn barrels” to dispose of trash. Paul stated that such burning is illegal in Montana. Such use can be reported to the Health Dept.

◆ **New Business:**

Alexandra Estates Subdivision proposal

Sue introduced Nick Kaufman of WGM Group. Nick reviewed plans for the the proposed Alexandra Estates subdivision to be developed on the west side of Highway 93 north of Lolo. The council was appreciative of Nick taking the time to review various aspects of the plan including the past history of the land with us. After some discussion, the council voted on issues relating to the support or non-support of the proposal. These are outlined below:

Support items:

1. Council is *supportive* of lot size of 5 acres
2. Council is *supportive* of Alexandra Lane being a County road as opposed to private road
3. Council *supports* a requirement for low impact lighting within the development.
4. Council *supports* proposed access point of Alexandra Lane and Valley Grove

Non-support items:

1. Council is *opposed* to variance requests 1 and 4 of the proposal which would align the trail/bikepath with Alexandra Lane. Council *supports* establishing a grade level path that would parallel Highway 93 and be positioned to the west of the proposed tree landscaping along the highway.

A motion was made, seconded and approved that we forward the items outlined above regarding the proposal to Nick Kaufman at WGM Group as well as a copy of same to Tim Worley at OPG.

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◆ **New Business (Cont'd)**

Lolo Trails Subdivision update: Larry Schauff of the Lolo Trails Subdivision brought the council up to date regarding their recent disputes with the developer and neighboring landowner. Larry was pleased to report that the issues are being resolved satisfactorily.

◆ **Special Reports:**

1. Trails Committee- No report
2. Traveler's Rest- Recent events commemorating the acquisition of the Harper's Ferry rifle #12 purportedly carried by the Discovery Corps was very successful and well attended.
3. Highway 12 bike Path project: The project has gone out for bid and bids will be opened on July 20.
4. Parks Board: No report

◆ **: Old Business:**

1. Promotion and communication of monthly council meetings: Sandwich board signs have been ordered and should be available for use by next month's meeting. Tom Wolf has purchased cables and padlocks with which to secure the signs when in use. We will utilize a 15 ft. cable with the locks. Gary will contact the Missoulian to make sure that notice of our meeting is printed in the "This week in Government" section prior to our scheduled meeting.
2. End of Year 2011 Expense Report (Will Geer): Through June 30, 2011, expenses have totaled \$965.35
2. Council Boundary Discussion: Sue informed the group that she has been in contact with Debbe Merseal with the City Election Office in an attempt to clarify the procedure for changing the boundary requirement for individuals to serve on the council. According to Sue, the response to her questions were somewhat vague and she was told that she might want to contact the County Attorney for further information. It would seem that our options would be to :
 - A. Circulate a petition and acquire enough signatures approving of a change in the boundary to qualify the issue as a ballot measure in a general election, or
 - B. Request a resolution from the County Commissioners office requesting that such a measure be placed on the ballot.

Sue will contact the County Attorney as to how to proceed.

◆ **Open Forum:**

No items for discussion were forthcoming

◆ **Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hoffman,
Secretary, Lolo Community Council