

Lolo Community Council

September 13th, 2011 Meeting Minutes

*Minutes not approved as no quorum was present during the meeting
Minutes considered "Memo only"*

- ◆ Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Sue Hadnot, Chairperson @ 7:04 PM
- ◆ Roll call: Sue Hadnot, Devin Jackson were in attendance. No quorum.
- ◆ Additions to agenda: No additions to the meeting
- ◆ Approval of minutes: August minutes were postponed until the October meeting. There was no quorum for approval.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report: No checks were 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. Missoula County Parks Board – Matching Grant Applications
6. Jean Belangie-Nye – Neighborhood Documentation
7. WGM – Alexandra Estates – Agency Review

Sent:

1. Detective Jason Johnson – Thank you letter for placing speed recording machines in the Delarka neighborhood and on Tyler Way.
2. Greg Robertson – Thank you letter to Missoula Public Works for repair and cut to improve drainage at the Ridgeway/Hwy 93 intersection.
3. Jace Holyoak – Congratulations for completion of the "Welcome to Lolo" sign and accomplishment of receiving the Eagle Scout rank.

◆ Drafts for correction or approval:

None

◆ Special Reports:

MRFD – An update was given to the group regarding MRFD activity. The fuel mitigation program will be coming to an end for this year. The employees working the program will be finishing the projects and their contracts for the season will be done. Stage I and Stage II definitions will be changing. The MRFD Chief and Board along with State agencies will be posting the information on the DNRC website. Jean Belangie-Nye asked if the MRFD new the definition of Nuisance Ordinance and they did not. She has asked the County Attorney and the Missoula County Health Department to define it related to recreational fires in neighborhoods.

◆ **Old Business: WGM – Alexandra Estates-** Sue Hadnot reported that OPG requested a second agency review on the Alexandra Estates Subdivision. She called WGM and they said the second review has been completed and the proposal will be sent to the planning board.

O'Connell Dr – Neighborhood Communication – The council received documentation from Jean Belangie-Nye related to the open fires at a property located on O'Connell Drive. This documentation was letters to the county, petitions and logs of activity related to the property of complaint. This was a continuation of the discussion from the August meeting. In attendance from the neighborhood were Bea Paulson, Scott Laird, Shane Clouse, Jean Belangie-Nye and the homeowner, Carol Byington. At this time the Health Department and the County Attorney's office have not defined the nuisance ordinance as it relates to campfires in yards. At the last meeting it was encouraged by the Sheriff's Department and the Health Department to keep documentation as to the concerns and complaints. Open communications with Ms. Byington was encouraged. Bea Paulson sad she has offered and did help Ms. Byington clean her yard. Bea Paulson is trying to sell her home and feels that the condition of the property and activity has impacted her ability to sell. Scott Laird expressed strong concern over the activity, the offensive language, the smoke from the fire, and the sanitation of the property. He has a family with children and is concerned when they

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hear the language and are exposed to drinking behavior and activity in the yard. His children change their play and routes and avoid going in front of the home, because of the many, frequent unknown visitors. Shane Clouse said that he has engaged in conversation with Ms. Byington's son several times late in the evenings to reduce the music, their voices and the smoke from the fire. He said that they change the behavior for the immediate encounter, but it returns the next evening. Ms. Byington responded by expressing her openness to have people talk to her. She said she would like people to come and talk to her and let her know their frustrations. She also provided information about her health and her son's health that prevented them from their ability to do the required work to keep the yard clean. The council would keep in touch with the county agencies as to possible solutions for each of the parties.

◆ **New Business (Cont'd)**

Missoula-Lolo Trail Alliance Feasibility Study – Jean Belangie –Nye reported that the group has received a \$100,000 grant for a feasibility study on a bike path/trail between Missoula and Lolo. The study could take up to 5 years.

◆ **Committee Reports:**

1. Traveler's Rest- No report
2. Highway 12 bike Path project: Construction of this project is underway; completion date is scheduled in November.
3. Parks Board: No report
4. Congressman Rehberg business meeting – 16 people from businesses and the school attended a round table discussion held at Traveler's Rest conference room.

◆ **Open Forum:**

It was reported by Devin Jackson that there has been several bow hunters crossing property without permission. He was going to address it on his land, but wanted people to be aware that bow-hunting season has opened. He also express thanks to all the people who attended and said that the council did not single out any individual or property. The council has addressed many different topics from the community such as marijuana growing care giver operations, traffic and speed issues, weed problems, concerned citizens related to drug activity and safety, safe routes to schools, park activity, etc. All parties were thank for sharing and attending the meeting.

◆ **Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Hadnot,
Chairman, Lolo Community Council