

# Seeley Lake Community Council Newsletter

June 2009

## Summary Report

*Of the June 1, 2009 Meeting*

The Seeley Lake Community Council met on June 1 at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. The minutes from March, May 5 & 20<sup>th</sup> were approved. The meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> was a committee reorganization meeting for 2009-10 for the council. Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. Communications were received from Double Arrow Landowners on the Land Use Plan. These will now be forwarded to the County for their consideration in finalizing the plan. A letter written by the SLCC Chair, dated May 8, 2009, to the Planning Board was read in full. Also, a letter written by SLCC to the Missoula County Commissioners (MCC) about the importance of upgrading Highway 83 was unavailable. It will be included at the next meeting.

Marx introduced a new Administrative Assistant, Kris Gullikson. Kris replaced Rachael Parke who resigned at the May meeting. A. Marx publicly thanked Parke for her service to the SLCC.

The Council discussed the importance of ongoing communication between the Council and the local infrastructure boards in the SL Communications Project (i.e., Monthly Online Newsletter) in order to accomplish its success. Very few of the 6 local boards are submitting information to be included at this time. The Council is asking for a one paragraph summary of the individual board minutes to be included in the 2<sup>nd</sup>

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## Sheriff's Report

### Major Case Clearance

After many weeks of investigation Deputy Parcell cleared three burglary cases. The Seeley Lake elementary School had been burglarized twice and the Mission Bible Fellowship Church had been burglarized once. This case was cleared with one adult being arrested while four other adults are awaiting action by the County Attorneys Office. There were also two juveniles cited into youth court for their involvement in these incidents. ❖



**NOTICE:** Seeley-Swan Hospital District and Medical Center Boards voted to change their standing meeting dates. The new date will be the 2nd Monday of each month, beginning on Monday, 08 June. Meetings will still be at 5PM in the clinic conference room. Interested community members are invited to attend. ❖

## Upcoming Meetings:

**June 8 Seeley-Swan Hospital Dist.** at 5 p.m. at the Clinic Conference Room.

**June 15 Resort Area Committee** at 9 a.m. at the Seeley Lake Historical Barn

**June 16 Missoula County Planning Board**

**July 6 Seeley Lake Community Council Meeting** at the Seeley Lake Historical Barn at 6 pm. Meetings will be held at this location until further notice.

newsletter each month.

At the May 20 meeting, a reorganization of the Council roles was proposed and finalized. The roles will be as follows: Diane Weatherman taking over as TREASURER, Carol Evans as VICE CHAIR. Committees: *Newly added:* GOVERNMENT LIAISON: Walt Hill and ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Co-chair; Adreïn Marx and Diane Weatherman, Walt Hill. RESORT: Walt Hill, Adreïn Marx, Gary Pelletier. TRAILS: George Frasca, Carol Evans, Gary Pelletier. AIR QUALITY: Carol Evans, Gary Pelletier.

**Officers are as follows:**

Chairman- Jon Haufler  
Vice Chairman- Carol Evans  
Treasurer- Diane Weatherman  
Secretary – Adreïn Marx

Trail Committee chairman, Frasca reported on trail on the west side, now called the “Archibald Crossing”. On Sat., June 6 volunteers will clear a trail north of this area. Any interested parties are encouraged to help out.

Other communication included an e-mail from Ken Dvorak concerning the proposed use of Elaine’s Way. Trail Committee Chair, Frasca, will communicate further with the residents in that area. Haufler noted the status of the legal determination on Elaine’s Way will need to be explored further.

An update on the Trails contract was given by Haufler. A letter from MCC had just been received stating that the SLCC could not enter into a legal contract for services. Further communication with the County will be forthcoming to clarify this. Council motioned to recommend John Richards Construction as the contractor selected with the County to do all the follow up. Richards bid was close to the other 2 received, but in addition, he offered a donation of labor and equip. totaling appx. 1/3 of the cost of the project.

RESORT TAX COMMITTEE: Petitions are being circulated at present to put the Resort Tax back up to vote in Nov. 2009. Hill stated he is “angry” about how the residents are responding to this issue. He reported on the water district funding and stated that a 40% increase in rates is forthcoming by July 1. This reflects about \$23.00 increase for small users, and much more for larger users. He sees relief of some of the burden on residents with the Resort Tax. The Water Dist. will

be obligated for a loan of appx. \$162,000 per year, and the Resort Tax could be offering relief of about half of that per year or better. He said, “Naysayers in the community say they don’t like taxes of any kind”, but the water increase is a tax in itself. He encouraged the community to join together to support this. The earliest the Resort Tax can be collected is July, 2010.

Good news was reported on the County’s purchase of a Real Time Monitor for Seeley Lake. It is proposed to be placed at the Grade School and will be installed sometime this summer. The community will then be able to accurately monitor particulate levels and set up a response/ notification to residents (method to be determined as yet). Missoula County was here for an Air Quality Workshop on May 19<sup>th</sup>, as an informational meeting. Pelletier reported particulars on data gathered by the County from 2005-2008. Most particulates measured (55%) comes from home wood burning stoves. Residents in the area will not be forced to abandon their current stoves, but all new wood stoves put in would need to be an EPA certified stoves. Education and communication will be encouraged to help the community stay in compliance with EPA regulations.

The new Community Development Committee is just getting started and will need to gather information from community members and local boards to develop a plan for the future. They will be looking at types of jobs, kind of businesses, etc. the area wants to develop. A proposed fall meeting will be called for input.

Frasca reported the Seniors Citizens Center is planning to discontinue bus services in January 2010. Scheduling and logistics appears to be a problem for users.

The Hwy. 83 Cleanup is looking for more groups to pick up trash north of Seeley Lake. Recently 2 more groups signed up for sections.

The Water District has plans for building renovation and therefore the SLCC records will need to be permanently moved. There was discussion on finding a new spot for permanent records.

Gravel storage at the Seeley Lake Airport had no further progress reported. Problems for the Wilderness Sportsman Club came up because of possible filing issues at a state level. W. Cebulski will keep the Council informed.