

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
GARLINGTON, LOHN, & ROBINSON BUILDING
MISSOULA MONTANA
MARCH 14, 2012, 11:30 AM**

Members present: Marilyn Marler, President; Bob Jaffe, Vice President; Ed Childers, Caitlin Cople, Dick Haines; Adam Hertz; Mike O'Herron; Dave Strohmaier; Alex Taft; Jason Wiener; Jon Wilkins and Cynthia Wolken

Members absent:

Others present: Ellen Buchanan, Tim O'Leary, Linda McCarthy, Tim France, Jim Foley, Dan Cederberg, Diane Lanning, Brent Campbell, Colin Hickey, Heidi Starrett, Harry Watkins, Ryan Hansen, Anne Guest, Matt Loomis, Racquel Williams, John Horner, Kent Watson, Jessica Daniels, Rod Austin

I. Administrative Business

Minutes dated the following will be approved at a later date

- [February 15, 2012](#) Joint with BCC meeting
- [February 15, 2012](#)
- [March 5, 2012](#)
- [March 7, 2012 AM](#)
- [March 7, 2012 PM](#)

II. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda--None

III. Regular Agenda

A. Welcome & Introductions (John Horner, MDA Board President)

John Horner welcomed everyone and introduced himself to the Council, Missoula Downtown Association Board and Business Improvement District.

B. Getting to Know You

- Self-Introductions
- Share Your Vision for Downtown Missoula

Everyone introduced themselves and shared a variety of visions for Missoula's Downtown area.

C. Downtown's Focus on the Future

- Downtown Economy
 - Tax Base & Impact Fees
 - Inventory (Todd Frank)
 - Market Rate Housing

Rod Austin, Jessica Daniels, and Linda McCarthy gave a small overview of the economy downtown.

- Safety & Security
 - Ambassador Stats
 - Impact of Panhandling & Loitering Ordinances
 - Lighting
 - On-Street and Off Street Parking Status

Tim France, Rod Austin, and Ellen Buchanan gave an overview of the safety and security in the downtown area. Mr. France talked about the [statistics](#) from the ambassadors and the addition of the dedicated downtown police officer.

- Infrastructure

- Caras Park Capital Improvements
- Front & Main Conversion
- Wayfinding

Kent Watson, Brent Campbell, and Anne Guest gave an overview of the infrastructure happening in the downtown area particularly Caras Park, Front and Main.

- Services
 - Mountain Line Operations
 - Poverello Center

Linda McCarthy and Dan Cederberg gave an overview of two services in the downtown area. Mountain Line will be doing some renovations to the transfer center and the Poverello Center relocation.

D. Council's Focus on the Future

E. Question & Answer Session--None

IV. Held in committee

1. Updates from Council representatives on the Health Board, Community Forum, Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee, other boards and commissions as necessary. – (Ongoing in Committee)
2. Joint meeting of the Mayor, City Council and County Commission; a facilitated quarterly OPG review as directed in the [Interlocal Agreement](#) (Agenda) —Ongoing (Mayor Engen)
3. Examination of Office Planning and Grants ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Lyn Hellegaard) (Referred to committee: 09/08/08)
4. Invite Dr. Barry Good, Dean of the UM College of Technology to update the committee on current plans and programs of the COT. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Mike O'Herron) (Referred to committee: 02/13/12)
5. Discuss OPG reorganization proposal with Department Heads. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Marilyn Marler) (Referred to committee: 02/06/12)

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki Rogers
Deputy City Clerk