

PROJECT  
COMMUNITY SIDEWALK



Amsterdam & Churchill  
Walk with us!

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Following are points and ideas raised in our meeting. If I've left anything out, please let me know.

1. Project goals
  - a. Raise money to build a community sidewalk that serves Amsterdam and Churchill
2. Community Benefits
  - a. Promotes health and safety
  - b. Promotes stronger community
  - c. Increases property values
3. Fundraising Goal
  - a. \$15,000
4. Current Funds
  - a. \$3,000
5. Financial Partners & Benefits
  - a. Area Residents: receive direct benefit
  - b. Area Churches: Bethel, Manhattan CRC: receive direct benefit for their members who walk to church; provides direct community outreach to the unchurched in the neighborhood.
  - c. Area Businesses: receive direct benefit; serves as community outreach
  - d. Area Schools: Amsterdam, Manhattan Christian: receive direct benefit; serves as community outreach, provides an opportunity for students of different schools to come together to serve their community. For MCS: provides direct community outreach to the unchurched in the neighborhood.
  - e. Manhattan Chamber of Commerce
  - f. Manhattan Public School/Student Groups: receive direct benefit to students who walk down and wait for buses on Churchill Rd.
  - g. Manhattan Rotary: Increase public awareness for Rotary contributions to the community. MCS already meets monthly for student of the month recognition.
  - h. Area Public Services: fire department
  - i. Gallatin County Planning Department
6. Proposal Example: Manhattan Christian Partnership (*I propose we develop a set of investment points for each partnership we seek to gain.*)
  - a. Encourages outreach to unchurched members of our community
  - b. Provides a *concrete project (no pun intended)* where students learn to serve their greater community in a tangible capacity
  - c. Directly benefits a community that has faithfully supported the school
  - d. Provides an educational opportunity for students to learn about their local government, city planning, science, technology, engineering, and math
  - e. Teaches students to value safe and healthy environments and practice
  - f. Provides an opportunity to invite, honor, and receive local city planners to address the student body
  - g. Provides an opportunity to present a solid Christian perspective: *Love thy Neighbor*
  - h. Provides an opportunity to partner with multiple community groups and organizations
  - i. Provides a ground breaking entry into *Project Citizen (Leah Denooy)*

7. Suggested Financial Partner Shares (Tim, is it possible to get a better understanding of where funding has already come from so that we not approach people who have already contributed ?

Partner	Suggested Share	Team Leader	Comments
Area Residents	\$2,000.00		100 homes @20.00
Area Churches: Bethel, Manhattan CRC	\$1,000.00		\$500 per church
Area Businesses including Manhattan	\$2,000.00		20 Businesses @100
Area Schools: Amsterdam, Manhattan Christian	\$1,000.00		200 students @\$5.00
Manhattan Chamber of Commerce	\$250.00		
Manhattan Public School	\$250.00		
Manhattan Rotary	\$500.00		
Area Public Services	\$500.00		
Grants	\$2,500.00		
Already Collected	\$3,000.00		
	<b>\$13,000.00</b>		

8. Grants

- a. Warren is applying for grants
- b. Ann will help him prepare one for GFF, Deadline August 31. (Must be submitted on behalf of non-profit ACCPG)
- c. We should apply for as many grants as possible

9. Promotion Venues

- a. Web-Site
- b. Community Newsletter/Promotional Materials/Online Survey
- c. Community Meetings
- d. Project Citizen
- e. Facebook
- f. Twitter
- g. MCS Digital Sign
- h. Firehouse BBQ
- i. Geocaching Event
- j. Media Coverage

10. Team Leaders (I suggest assigning team leaders for each partnership).

11. Engineering Survey: Not necessarily a bad thing that a survey to determine exactly where the sidewalk will be located (north or south side) will not be completed before fundraising efforts start. We will have a better chance to get full participation for those living along Amsterdam and Churchill roads.

12. Long-term Community Goals

- a. Parks and Trails
- b. Social Gatherings
- c. Community growth and enrichment

13. I suggest developing an identity mark and tag line. I placed a rough idea at the top of this report. Identity mark: a sidewalk pattern suggesting the coming together of communities, as well as presenting the idea that the sidewalk will be built one section at a time. Tag line: *Come Walk With Us!* presents our short and long term goals as a community. These are my suggestions. Obviously if the ACCPG wants to develop something else, it's their call!
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## Community Sidewalk

In addition to its request for the Gallatin County Commission to slow traffic down more before it comes through town, the **Amsterdam Churchill Community Planning Group** (ACCPG) is launching a strong effort to gain community support to build 1,680 feet of sidewalk between Bethel Christian Reformed Church and Manhattan Christian Reformed Church. This sidewalk will complete the first phase of extending sidewalks along the primary roads of Churchill and Amsterdam. The planning group received a \$132,000 grant from the county's Community Transportation Enhancement program, through Montana Department of Transportation, to be used for enhancing opportunities for pedestrian traffic. The grant requires that about \$25,000 be raised from the community in matching funds. These funds must be raised by spring of 2011. The grant also stipulates that construction on the sidewalk begins in the summer of 2011.

Without the grant the sidewalk would cost about \$80 per foot. With the grant, the cost is only \$15 per foot. So far, the community has raised about \$1,600 and one property owner has pledged to pay for any section of sidewalk that borders their property.

Tim Van Dam, from the sidewalk committee, ACCPG, explains that the sidewalk is part of an overall longterm neighborhood improvement plan supported community-wide. "This sidewalk will benefit our community by promoting health and safety. We want to encourage people to get out and walk, especially adults and the seniors in our midst. The sidewalk will promote community in our neighborhood, and give children a safe place to walk on their way to school.

What can you do to help?

- Buy a foot of sidewalk for \$15
- Consider sponsoring sidewalk in front of your house
- Buy a section of sidewalk for \$75
- Donate in Memorial (any amount is welcome)
- Donate materials for the sidewalk construction
- Help on the Sidewalk Committee

The ACCPG is a non-profit organization and can accept donations. Contact David Douglas, 282-7791 or Tim Van Dam, 581-3626 for more information, or to make a donation. The ACCPG does hold regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Everyone is welcome. Their next meeting will be November 9th, 7pm, at the Churchill Bank (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday because of elections).