



Rose Park Neighborhood Council – Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2016 (Wednesday) – 5:30 pm

Missoula County Public Library Large Meeting Room (301 E Pine)

In Attendance: Julie Devlin (RPNC LT), Margaret Mallino (RPNC LT), Tate Jones (RPNC LT), Bryce Rowe (RPNC LT), Michael Painter (RPNC LT), Stephanie Kolb (Office of Neighborhoods), Helen Pent Jenkins (RPNC), Brian Battaglia (RPNC)

The meeting was called to order & those in attendance introduced themselves.

RPNC Leadership Team Meeting – Mar.09.2016 - Minutes

The minutes from the Rose Park LT Meeting of Mar. 9th, 2016, were adopted.

Slant Street Gateway Project – Painter gave a brief report on the project. Per the recommendation of the City's Development Services Department, a building permit for the existing sign structure should be submitted (a Right-of-Way Encroachment permit has already been submitted). Home ReSource picked up some wooden beams from the site & will add to their inventory of resourced materials available for community use. RPNC hopes to schedule a general clean-up day later this spring & to meet with Parks & Rec to develop a plan for upkeep & maintenance of the site.

Willard Alternative High School Rebuild – Painter reported on MCPS Superintendent Mark Thane's discussion of plans for Willard at March's Community Forum meeting & in subsequent discussion after that presentation. Per MCPS' website (and discussion with Superintendent Thane) while plans for Willard have not been finalized & design and construction may not take place until 2017, discussion & decision regarding location for the school will take place this calendar year. Painter has requested that MCPS involve Rose Park Neighborhood Council in any meetings regarding plans for Willard. It was generally agreed that the Leadership Team supports keeping the school in Rose Park if possible & strongly supports maintaining the current open space (field & garden) in the neighborhood. Painter will draft an official letter from RPNC's Leadership Team expressing those sentiments for LT approval. The LT also discussed the possibility of holding a general neighborhood meeting this spring if necessary to gauge general neighborhood support for keeping the school at its current location.

Hellgate High School Remodel – Rose Park NC received an invite from the architect for the Hellgate High remodel/expansion to attend a planning / public input meeting scheduled for Thursday, Apr. 14th @ 3:00 p.m. in the library @ Hellgate. (Bryce, Julie & Painter indicated that they planned on attending.)

RPNC Leadership Team – Membership & Meetings – Jane Kelly found a regular meeting date / time for RPNC's LT that met our general needs & has put a tentative hold on the Jack Reidy Meeting Room for the 4th Wednesday of every month (5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.). Jane asked that the Leadership Team take responsibility to notify both the Office of Neighborhoods & Development Services (who manage use of the Jack Reidy Meeting Room) in advance if we decide not to meet on any of those dates.

Community Forum Report – Julie Devlin reported on the March meeting of Community Forum.

Presentations included –

- Mike Haynes, Director of the City's Development Services, discussed the Mercantile property project
- Mark Thane, MCPS Superintendent, gave an update on the facilities bond projects

Julie also reported that John Thompson had been selected as this year's winner of the Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year Award for his ongoing work on the Carousel.

The upcoming Community Forum Neighborhood Bus Tour was also discussed.

Office Of Neighborhoods Report – Stephanie Kolb also discussed the Neighborhood Bus Tour, scheduled for Thursday, April 21st. Bryce, Julie & Margaret will be participating as RPNC LT representatives. The Office of Neighborhoods will also be staffing a table at the upcoming Earth Day event at Caras Park.

New Business

Neighborhood Greenways – Brian Battaglia, a UM grad student & Rose Park NC resident, asked for the LT support for & input on developing neighborhood greenways. Brian was encouraged to contact Ben Weiss (the City's Bike-Ped Coordinator) & Bob Giordano (w/ Free Cycles & also a NC rep), both of whom are also working to develop such greenways. RPNC expressed interest in supporting the project as plans develop.

Wet Housing – RPNC received a letter from Tessa Richards, a UM Global Leadership Initiative Fellow describing a wet housing project GLI is working on in conjunction with United Way.

Next Leadership Team Meeting – Wed., Apr. 27th – 5:30 pm – Jack Reidy Room, Missoula City Council Chambers (140 W Pine)

Pending decision by Leadership Team to meet.

Minutes submitted by Painter 04/25/16.