

Rose Park Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2016 (Wednesday) – 5:30 pm

Location: Jack Reidy Room, Missoula City Council Chambers (140 W Pine)

In Attendance: Julie Devlin (RPNC LT), Margaret Mallino (RPNC LT), Tate Jones (RPNC LT), Bryce Rowe (RPNC LT), Michael Painter (RPNC LT), Brian Battaglia (RPNC), and Jane Kelly (Office of Neighborhoods)

- Welcome and introductions – The meeting was called to order & those in attendance introduced themselves.
- Adoption of Minutes – The minutes for RPNC LT meeting of April 13, 2016 were approved.
- MCPS Facilities Bond Projects Discussion – Willard Alternative High School Rebuild: a draft of a letter to MCPS Superintendent Mark Thane from RPNC LT formally requesting the neighborhood council be involved in any future meetings regarding plans for Willard, including appointing of a neighborhood council representative on any committee or design team, and supporting keeping Willard Alternative High School in the neighborhood (at the current MCPS property). Painter asked the LT to offer up any recommended changes prior to the next meeting so that the LT could vote on sending same.

Report on Hellgate High School Remodel Meeting: Bryce & Julie reported on the public meeting held at Hellgate on April 14th to discuss planning for the Hellgate remodel project. The architects & planners for the project led the discussion. Much of the discussion focused on improving access to the school for students – school buses, public transportation, parent drop-off, non-motorized access & parking.

- Design Review at 231 Kensington – Painter reported on his correspondence with Development Services: all neighbors within 150' had been notified & a sign was also posted on the property. Development Services was notified that RPNC had received notification and that no comments had been received from neighbors.
- Bus Tour Report – Julie, Margaret & Bryce reported on their experience representing Rose Park on this year's bus tour. (Which included Bryce winning the inaugural Bus Tour Bingo.) Jane also discussed the evaluations & recommendations for future tours.
- Tree Committee Report – Margaret & Julie discussed the work underway by Parks & Recreation Urban Forester Chris Boza to enlist the Neighborhood Councils' support for the Urban Forest Master Plan and assistance in implementing the same. Each neighborhood will be asked to assist with the selection of species of trees and as appropriate, assist with installation of new trees & maintenance of existing trees. The City is working to develop a sapling nursery to develop trees prior to installation.

- RPNC Meetings Discussion – Leadership Team Meetings: Per previous discussion and with Jane Kelly's help, the Jack Reidy Room is reserved through the calendar year on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The LT discussed the best meeting time with no definitive decision. The May meeting, if held, will be scheduled to start on May 25th at 5:15 p.m. There will not be an Office of Neighborhoods representative present. Jane asked that a representative plan on showing up at 5:00 p.m. to ensure that the room is open prior to MRA/Development Services personnel leaving work, and again requested that the Leadership Team take responsibility to notify both the Office of Neighborhoods and Development Services (who manage use of the Jack Reidy Meeting Room) in advance if we decide not to meet. (Painter agreed to show up prior to 5:00 p.m.)

General Neighborhood Meeting: The LT discussed the possibility of having a general neighborhood meeting in late spring in lieu of early fall, primarily in case there was a need to assess neighborhood-wide support for keeping Willard in its current location. It was generally agreed that we probably need to wait to hear back from MCPS on their timeline for additional planning for Willard before scheduling a general meeting. It was also suggested that the next general meeting be held at Willard and that we consider a joint neighborhood meeting with Riverfront NC.

- Office of Neighborhoods Report – Jane reported on several Office of Neighborhoods activities: there will be a Leadership Team training in May for anyone interested; the “Traffic Circle 102” event is scheduled to be held at Bonner Park on May 25th, 6pm to 8pm. Jane outlined the training & stations scheduled; staffing in the office has changed since Corena is off on maternity leave at present, Stephanie’s work study position will end May 5th, and Natasha LaCasse will be providing some administrative support in the office (and to other city departments).
- New Business – Neighborhood Greenways: Brian Battaglia gave an updated report on his plan to develop neighborhood greenway routes through Rose Park (and other/adjacent neighborhoods). Brian handed out a written summary of his work to date and a description of support he is seeking from RPNC. He would be interested in presenting at a general neighborhood council meeting as well.
- Community Forum: Julie confirmed that she would be attending April’s Community Forum meeting and listed the scheduled presentations (Dave Prescott on Transportation Summit, Garin Wally on Neighborhood Profiles, Denise Alexander on Missoula’s Fence Ordinance).
- Public Comment on Non-agenda Items – None