



Rose Park Neighborhood Council – Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2016 (Wednesday) – 5:00 pm - Jack Reidy Room, Missoula City Council Chambers (140 W Pine)

In Attendance: Julie Devlin (RPNC LT), Margaret Mallino (RPNC LT), Tate Jones (RPNC LT), Michael Painter (RPNC LT), Corena Maurer (Office of Neighborhoods), Eric Gabster (Missoula Midtown Association), Kate Gamar (RPNC).

RPNC Leadership Team Minutes – Meeting of Jun.22.2016 & Jul.27.2016

RPNC LT approved the minutes from the Leadership Team meetings in June & July.

Brooks Corridor Transportation Plan / Missoula Midtown Association

Eric Gabster, with the Missoula Midtown Association, discussed the upcoming public meetings with a consultant firm hired to develop a transportation plan for the Brooks Street Corridor. Those meetings will be held at the Missoula County Fairgrounds on Sep. 13th & 14th – Rose Park LT members were encouraged to attend and complete the on-line survey on community members' preferences for the Brooks Street Corridor. Eric gave additional information on the consultant & Missoula Midtown Association's hope to expand its membership.

St. Joseph's School Playground Closure

Painter handed out a draft letter from RPNC to St. Joseph's Principal Hyland requesting the school reopen the playground for public use when school was not in session. RPNC LT discussed the letter & suggested also sending a copy to MCPS & our city council representatives. Painter will make effort to meet with a representative from MCPS to discuss the playground closure & suggestions for dealing with dog waste and graffiti and to contact Missoula Police Department regarding establishment of a Neighborhood Watch group in the area.

Tree Committee – Margaret reported on Parks & Rec's Neighborhood Council Tree Committee's work to develop specific tree species selections for their respective neighborhoods. The Tree Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month @ 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room @ Currents.

Traffic Calming Project – Crosby & Cleveland – Julie gave an update on her work to complete a traffic calming application packet & requested RPNC's LT also support submitting a Large Grant Application to help defray costs of traffic calming. RPNC LT voted unanimously to support that grant application – Painter offered to assist with the grant application.

Neighborhood Grant Projects – There were no other proposals for grant projects in RPNC. Tate asked if anyone knew what the life expectancy was for traffic signal boxes, as ones on South Avenue block signage to the Fort Missoula Historical Museum entrance. Painter will follow up with the appropriate streets department representative (not sure if the TSB in question is a City or County Street Department responsibility).

Community Forum Report – Julie reported on the July Community Forum meeting – presenters included:

- Ellie Costello, from the Missoula Urban Demonstration Project, thanked Community Forum for support of a Large Neighborhood Grant which was used to help pay for MUD's Bike Haul Toolbox.
- David Selvage & Neil Miner of Parks & Recreation gave an update on progress of projects being paid for by Missoula's Park Trail Bond. Tate noted that work was also being done on some historical markers at Fort Missoula.
- Jane Bernosky, with Republic Services, discussed Republic's recycling services.

Office Of Neighborhoods Report – Corena reported on the upcoming Stories & Stones event @ Missoula Cemetery (Sep. 18th) and reminded RPNC LT that there is a grant application workshop scheduled for September 13th at 6:00 p.m. Painter also handed out a flyer on the upcoming Hazardous Waste Days (Sep. 16th & 17th).

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Julie & Painter discussed the ongoing efforts by the Missoula Senior Citizen's Center to develop a plan for a new facility.

Next Leadership Team Meeting – Wednesday, September 28th, 2016 – 5:00 pm – Jack Reidy Room, Missoula City Council Chambers (140 W Pine)

Minutes submitted by Painter 09/26/16.

Rose Park Neighborhood Council

To: Principal Rick Hyland
St. Joseph Elementary & Middle School
503 Edith Street, Missoula, MT 59801

From: Michael Painter, Secretary, Rose Park Neighborhood Council
840 Woodford, Missoula, MT 59801

RE: Closure of St. Joseph School Playground

Date: August 24, 2016

Principal Hyland:

Greetings! I hope this finds you & the staff and students at St. Joseph's well.

I write today on behalf of your neighborhood council (Rose Park NC) to ask that St. Joseph (and the Missoula Catholic Schools Advisory Board) re-open the playground at St. Joseph's for use by the public when school is not in session. Such use was listed in the Restricted Covenants when Roosevelt School was purchased from MCPS in 2005.

RPNC recognizes that St. Joseph's has experienced some ongoing problems which you attribute to the public use of the playground – and our neighborhood council would be very interested in meeting with you (and/or the MCS Advisory Board) to come up with what we believe would be effective means of addressing those problems. We also would like to work with the Missoula Police Department to establish a Neighborhood Watch group specifically organized to address the problems St. Joseph's has reported & will be meeting with MCPS' administration regarding their approach to dealing with similar issues.

Our thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Painter, Secretary
Rose Park Neighborhood Council

MIDTOWN IN FOCUS

Most of us know it simply as Brooks Street. Others think about it as the home to Southgate Mall or the Fairgrounds. Recently, we're beginning to see it as the stage for new development and shopping places. However you think about it, there's a lot happening in Missoula's Midtown.

With activity comes opportunity, and soon you'll have the opportunity to get to know Midtown a little better. Beyond that—and of great importance—you'll have the opportunity to help craft a vision that helps to enhance and enrich the Midtown community of which you are a part.

The Opportunity.

Earlier this year, a group of partner organizations comprised of the Missoula Midtown Association, Missoula Redevelopment Agency, City of Missoula and several private organizations won a grant from New Mobility West. New Mobility West is an initiative of the nonprofit organization [Community Builders](#), which works with people throughout the West to help build prosperous, successful places.

The grant focuses on the Brooks Street corridor, the main transportation artery linking Midtown together. The grant helps the partner organizations meet with area shareholders through a series of discussions, workshops and activities that will result in a community-driven vision for the area. Brooks is the next area planned for high-frequency bus service and development activity is picking up—now is the time to get involved in the future of Midtown.



You Matter.

As a Missoula resident, your voice is important. You are a shareholder in the future of Midtown, so please participate. Here's how:



- » Online. A short questionnaire you can complete on your phone or at your home. Available now through **September 30** at: <http://conta.cc/2bANgex>
- » Community get-together #1. A chance to learn more about this project and provide feedback. **Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30** in the Home Arts Building, County Fairgrounds.
- » Workshop. Design, development and desires for Midtown are explored, discussed and visualized. Drop in to the Home Arts Building on **Wednesday, September 14 anytime between 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM**.
- » Community get-together #2. Summary and review of project and concepts. **Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30** in the Home Arts Building.

More Information.

- » Project webpage: <http://ci.missoula.mt.us/2053/Brooks-Street-Corridor-Study>
- » Missoula Midtown Association website: <http://missoulamidtown.com/>
- » Contact: John Lavey, Community Builders. 406-225-0065. john@communitybuilders.org