

Heart of Missoula Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

Date: September 6, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Little McCormick Park 711 Toole Ave. Missoula, MT 59802

Leadership Team Members present: Kim Brown-Campbell, Leah Morrow

Others Present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator; Karen Gasvoda, Program Assistant; Laurel Farrell; approximately 40 neighbors and speakers

1. Welcome & BBQ
2. History of Neighborhood Councils – presented by Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator. There were no questions.
3. Neighborhood Watch – presented by Ethan Smith, Crime Prevention Officer. Information about signage, sign-up sheets, police staffing (or lack thereof) in Downtown Missoula, discussions of problems with transient populations including those served by 3:16 Mission and The Poverello center were discussed. Also problems with loitering, drug use, and unruly behavior by transients in the neighborhood.
4. Traffic signal box art – Kathi Olson, Public Art Committee. Discussions about how the neighborhood can be involved in choosing signal box designs. A brief overview of the history and process of the signal box project.
5. Off-Campus Rent Center – Jordan Lyons, Director. Discussed resources for neighbors, renters and landlords provided by his office to help keep residences safe and not disruptive. He offered those who had concerns about lack of attention by rental properties to their rented properties and some who wanted resources as a landlord.
6. Downtown Missoula – Linda McCarthy presented. She gave out resources about the different organizations that are under her umbrella, the work around Missoula that they have completed, and the on-going tasks that are taken on by the program and its members. There was discussion about the Downtown Master Plan, and neighbors were encouraged to be a part of the planning process. She was asked questions about zoning, historical preservation, and taxes; direction was given about where to look for answers. Concerns about parking were also raised. St. Pat's and Partnership's need to provide adequate parking for their employees was also mentioned. There are no immediate plans for work on the old Safeway space.
7. Q & A with City Council – Bryan von Lossberg and Heidi West presented. They addressed some questions about taxes, but ultimately directed questions to the state legislature.
8. A motion was made by Nikki Fay and seconded to elect Leah Morrow, Kim Brown-Campbell, Laurel Farrell, Michele Rutherford, Alanya Wissink, Pamela Frasier, and Maurisa Phillips to the Heart of Missoula leadership team for a two-year term. The motion passed unanimously.
9. A motion was made by Laurel Farrell and seconded for the neighborhood to support submission of a small grant application for picnic tables to be added to the one table currently in Little McCormick Park. Leah Morrow will write and submit the application. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Neighborhood Priorities were set –
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11. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Heart of Missoula Priorities

1. Transient activity—14 votes
2. Parking—10 votes
3. Neighborhood Watch—6 votes
4. Historic preservation—5 votes
5. Keeping alleys clean—3 votes
6. Design standards—3 votes
7. Impact of development—2 votes
8. Urban forest—2 votes

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