

Rose Park Neighborhood Council – Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

January 23rd, 2019 (Wednesday) – 5:00 pm – Missoula Senior Center (705 S. Higgins)

LT Members in Attendance: Roula Agne, Julie Devlin, Tate Jones, Margaret Mallino, Elizabeth Williams, Clare Wood, Michael Painter. (Katie LaPointe sent regrets.)

Others in Attendance: Marley Merchen (Office of Neighborhoods), Casey Erickson (RPNC).

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.. Introductions for Marley & Casey.

Meeting Minutes – Minutes for the October 24, 2018 RPNC LT meeting were approved.

Review of Outstanding CY2018 Neighborhood Projects

- Julie Devlin reported on funding collected to date for Traffic Circle project @ Crosby & Cleveland. The LT discussed possible additional funding sources and working with City Council representatives and Mayor's Office to come up with a better process for funding traffic calming projects.
- Painter reported no change in Slant Street Gateway project. There is a new Outreach & Education Coordinator in Missoula's National Wildlife Federation office. Painter to contact Tim Skufca (original architect of Slant Street Gateway), NWF and other past partners in clean-up of the area and invite them to attend February Leadership Team meeting to discuss work to be done. (Several RPNC residents also expressed interest in working on the project at the last general meeting.)
- New Willard Alternative High School building construction is complete. (Roula Agne reported she had toured the new facility and gave it a favorable review.) MCPS is holding an open house at the school on Jan. 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.. Painter will ask for progress report on disposition of MCPS Administration Building (215 S. 6th St. W.), which is also in Rose Park NC.

Neighborhood Priorities (Community Forum) – LT reviewed “current” (not officially ‘voted on’ at a general meeting since 2014) Rose Park priorities. Leadership Team discussed options for reviewing & voting on neighborhood priorities at next general meeting & in the interim supporting current Community Forum work to define city-wide concerns and work toward solutions.

Missoula Neighborhood Watch – Painter gave report on recent MNW General Meeting (Jan. 16th). Missoula PD's Crime Prevention Officer Ethan Smith gave a training on neighborhood awareness and provided information on recent trends (vehicle break-ins & thefts). Officer Smith will be providing ongoing public education at quarterly MNW general meetings and via Missoula PD's & MNW's FaceBook pages. MNW also now has Neighborhood Watch signs & stickers available for interested neighborhood groups.

Public Comment – None.

Community Forum Report – Julie & Marley gave a report on the November Community Forum meeting. Presenters included: Carol Garlington (w/ Moose Can Gully NC's Leadership Team) on developing shared neighborhood council priorities; Pam Udall (w/ Downtown Missoula Partnership) on the update of the Downtown Master Plan; and Bill Pfeiffer & Vince Caristo (w/ Mountain Line) on the Missoula Urban Transportation District Strategic Plan update.

December's Community Forum consisted primarily of the Christmas party, but Marley also noted that the Neighborhood Grants were approved (and gave a brief description of those grants).

Office Of Neighborhoods Report – Marley reported on current Office of Neighborhood projects –

- Deadline for nominations for this year's Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year (individual & group) is February 6th;
- Local Government Citizen's Academy is underway (2 sessions so far);
- This year's Community Forum Bus Tour is scheduled for April 18th, 2019. Neighborhoods tentatively scheduled to be toured include Farviews/Pattee Canyon, Lewis & Clark, Southgate Triangle, South 39th, Moose Can Gully & Miller Creek

Next Meeting – The next Rose Park Neighborhood Council Leadership Team meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 27th at 5:00 pm at the Missoula Senior Center.

Submitted by Painter Jan.24.2019