

University Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: November 5, 2019

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: Lewis and Clark Villages Community Room 3000 South Higgins Ave

Present: Bryce Rowe, Jennifer Copley, Dori Gilels, Tony LaPlante, Darcy Caron, Rick Caron, Nick Kaufman, Sarah Knobel, Bob Vosen, Karen Gasvoda

1. Approval September 4, 2019 Leadership Team meeting minutes and October 1, 2019 general meeting minutes: Minutes approved and a motion was passed.
2. Treasurer's Report -Peter Drakos: Peter was not present to discuss.
3. Higgins Ave bridge project – Sarah Knobel, Communications Manager, Big Sky Public Relations: Sarah and Bob Vossen, Montana Department of Transportation, discussed the Higgins Ave Bridge project slated to start phase 1 in February 2020 (west side of bridge), and phase 2 (east side) in the summer and Fall of 2020. The bidding process will happen in December 2019. There will be two-way traffic maintained on the east side of Higgins Ave Bridge during phase 1. Sarah and Bob also discussed ADA compliance, pedestrian access, and messaging/ updates about the project for the public to stay up to date on the project.
4. Community Forum Report- Bryce Rowe : Bryce discussed what was presented at the Forum, such as the new painting on the soil wall located on the underpass near the new roundabout on Van Buren. Sarah Knobel from Big Sky Public relations spoke, a representative from Garden City compost spoke, grant deadlines, and Trinity housing was discussed.
5. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Karen Gasvoda : Karen discussed that the 14 large grant applications were received. Karen also mentioned that there will be 18K available to distribute after a committee review of the applications.
6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items : Proposed Rezoning/upcoming public meeting: Nick Kaufman, Principal Planner for WGMGROUP, presented on the proposed rezoning for properties located at 211-233 S. 4th St East, and 600,617 Ronald Ave. Nick also mentioned the upcoming meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7:00PM, to be held at the Missoula Senior Citizens Center.

Adjourn- Next Leadership Team meeting December 3rd : The Team discussed possible speakers for the next general meeting which include : Architect Kevin Krebsbach, Morgan Valliant, a representative from Parks and Rec, and/or a representative from the Clark Fork Coalition, and retired Professor Vicky Watson.