

Heart of Missoula Neighborhood Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2022

6:00 PM

Microsoft Teams

1. Introductions and Roll Call

Kalina Pritchard, Leah Morrow, Laurel Farrell, Denise (from Missoula Downtown Partnership (MDP))

2. Did not approve minutes for June 8, 2022, minutes for May 11, and August 16, 2022 are pending.

3. Discussion:

a. Missoula Downtown Partnership Grant Proposal

i. Denise spoke separately with both Leah and Laurel in person regarding the grant prior to this meeting.

ii. An email was sent to the leadership team today requesting approval of a second grant, which calls for improvements to Kiwanis Park. Kalina brought up this additional request and read aloud the email.

iii. Leah's concern is that there is not much information about specifics of what these grants would be accomplishing, beyond larger, over-arching goals. She also expressed concern that they are not "resident initiated," but more organization-initiated proposals.

iv. Laurel expressed a desire to do "something," as the team has not had many chances to take concrete actions.

v. Leah asked what the current field of grant applications were looking like, Kalina expects a similar number as last year, perhaps more.

vi. Denise was able to clarify that the MDP grant would be for "artistic lighting," which will be dependent on a committee to determine what that is. HOM Leadership was supplied with a draft letter of support from Denise via email the previous day.

4. Motion to move forward with the MDP grant and not the Kiwanis proposal by Laurel; she would like to sign the letter provided by Denise to move the MDP grant proposal forward. Seconded by Leah. Denise will send the grant proposal to Leadership as she moves through that process.

5. Due to time limitations, we did not get to: approve minutes; Neighborhood Budget: (\$1450.00 Note: Funds need to be spent by June 30, 2023); or the Missoula Neighborhoods Report

6. Announcements:

A brief discussion of how to move forward with such a small leadership team was discussed. Kalina will send a doodle poll to find a date in late January or early February to set a meeting to focus on recruitment, as well as the tabled issues from today.