



## Community Forum Agenda

**Date:** March 23, 2023, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**Location:** Council Chambers (in person) or TEAMS (virtually)

Attend in person: City Council Chambers, 140 W Pine, Missoula MT

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### 1. Administrative business

1.1 Call to Order

1.2 Roll call by neighborhood council

1.3 Determination of quorum

1.4 Approval of minutes

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**Recommended motion:**

Approve the minutes dated February 23, 2023

### 2. Public comment on non-agenda items from audience

### 3. Presentation: 2023 Neighborhood Grants Overview - Kalina Pritchard

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Motion: Approve the recommended grant awards for the FY23 Energize Your Neighborhood Grant projects.

4. Special events

4.1 Neighborhood Clean-Up Update - Kalina Pritchard

5. Reports

5.1 Staff Reports

5.1.1 Neighborhood Report - Kalina Pritchard

5.2 Neighborhood Council reports

5.2.1 All Neighborhoods Report

5.3 City Council liaison report

5.3.1 Gwen Jones, City Council Ward 3

6. Adjourn



## Community Forum Minutes

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### 1. Administrative business

#### 1.1 Call to Order

Neighborhoods Member Present: Grant Creek, Craig Van Bockel - Lewis & Clark, Colleen Biehl - Lower Rattlesnake, Robert Schultz - Miller Creek, Lee Boman - Northside/Westside, Timmothy Garrison - Riverfront, Eva Dunn-Froebig - S.39th, Dave Bell - Franklin to the Fort, Jenny Mish - University District, Jennifer Copley

Members Absent:

#### 1.2 Roll call by neighborhood council

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**Neighborhoods Absent:** Captain John Mullan, Farviews/Pattee Canyon, Heart of Missoula, River Road, Rose Park, Moose Can Gully, Southgate Triangle, Upper Rattlesnake, Two Rivers

**Others Present:** Marc Hendrickson, Mike Nugent, Kalina Pritchard, Kelly Elam

#### 1.3 Determination of quorum

A quorum was present.

#### 1.4 Approval of minutes

Robert Schultz moved to approve the minutes. Timmothy Garrison seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

**2. Public comment on non-agenda items from audience**

None

**3. Presentations**

**3.1 Ward Redistricting - Marc Hendrickson, City Planner/GIS**

Marc Hendrickson, City Planning/GIS gave a presentation on the Ward Redistricting process. Every two years the ward boundaries are re-evaluated based by population, building permits and the 2020 Census data.

He presented the current wards and neighborhood council boundaries. Ward 2 is the fastest growing area due to multi family dwellings. He gave an overview of the estimated city population and the misalignment of growing wards. The new map and the neighborhood shift changes will make the population more even and gives City Council members a better representation. He showed the proposed ward population and the future growth perspective. The new changes will go to the Committee of the Whole on March 6, 2023 and City Council will hold a public hearing on March 13, 2023. There were questions and comments. There is more information on the City website page at [www.engagemissoula.com](http://www.engagemissoula.com)

**4. Neighborhood project funds**

**4.1 Neighborhood Grants Update - Kalina Pritchard**

Kalina said the grants are in the process of being scored and the committee will meet in March. The awarded grants will be presented to Community Forum at the end of March, and a quorum is needed.

**5. Special events - None**

**6. Reports**

**6.1 Staff Reports - Kalina Pritchard**

The neighborhood cleanup is scheduled on April 9, 2023, the day after earth day. Republic Services and Parks & Recreation will be helping with the event and a form will be sent out so we know which neighborhoods are interested.

The Local Government academy is going on now and March 16 will be the final session. MCAT is recording all the sessions and they will be available to the public shortly after. Kalina will send the recorded video's to the Community Forum representatives to share with the Leadership Team members.

**6.2 Neighborhood Council reports - All neighborhoods**

Franklin to the Fort, Jenny Mish said they met and a general meeting is scheduled on April 5. They are interested in the April cleanup.

Grant Creek, Craig, no report.

Lewis & Clark, Colleen Biehl said they will meet on March 1, and they are finishing their grant projects.

Lower Rattlesnake, Robert Schultz said they met in January as a Meet and Greet at the Ragsdale Dance Studio. The owner of Ragsdale would like to see a community center, but there isn't any funding for it. The leadership team will meet on March 28, 2023.

Miller Creek, Lee Boman said they met on Tuesday and had a presentation from the school system, and they are looking forward to the cleanup.

Northside/Westside, Timmothy Garrison said they met and are waiting for the grant results. They will be meeting at Burns Street Bistro. The Northside Greenway project is approved.

Riverfront, Eva Dunn-Froebig said they have a lot going on and they meet regularly. They are planning a general meeting in March located at the Missoula International school and are looking for opportunities to engage with the community.

S.39th, Dave Bell said they are looking for people to join the Leadership Team and they are looking forward to the cleanup.

University District, Jennifer Copley said they didn't meet in January. They are working with the City Parks & Recreation to get exercise equipment at Bonner Park. They are looking into the entry sign to the UD Neighborhood.

### **6.3 City Council liaison report - Mike Nugent, Ward 4**

Alderman Mike Nugent, Ward 4 said he is filling in for Gwen Jones tonight. He said the Council is discussing the Growth Plan, rehab plan on the NSWS Ped Bridge, and approving water main projects.

Q&A

Orange Street under path mural is getting tagged. Is there data on crime in that area?  
No.

Kalina said she can ask someone from P.D. to come and give a presentation on crime in Missoula.

Kalina said she would like to activate the LT officers for CF, and will discuss it at the next CF meeting.

### **7. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



**Missoula Neighborhoods**

# **2023 ENERGIZE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT OVERVIEW**

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**Neighborhood Improvement Grant Scoring Committee**

Microsoft Teams

# Overview/Purpose



- Our goal is to strengthen neighborhood participation and build opportunities for neighborhood communication, neighborhood-initiated projects and problem solving.
- Each year, the City Council allocates \$20,000 for NH Project Funds
- Grant recipients are awarded up to \$6,000
- Project must be within city limits and/or benefits city residents and has lasting benefits
- Project must be completed within a reasonable amount of time
- [www.Missoula-neighborhoods.org](http://www.Missoula-neighborhoods.org)
- 2023 Grants
  - 7 grant applications submitted
  - Total \$ requested: \$32,091.69

# Grant Process



# Grant Sub-Committee



- Amy O'Hoyt, Northside/Westside
- Colleen Biehl, Lewis & Clark
- Zac McFarland, Moose Can Gully
- Allison Wilson, University District
- Gracie Sanford, Lower Rattlesnake

# Committee Timeline



- **December 16:** Grant Applications Submitted
- **February 24:** Internal Grant Review Comments Gathered
  - Parks and Recreation
  - Community Planning, Development, and Innovation
- **March 3:** Committee Grant Review Scoring Gathered
- **March 13:** Grant Review Committee Meeting
  - Final Recommendation
- **March 23:** Community Forum
- **Early April (tentatively):** City Council Committee
- **Mid-April (tentatively):** City Council

# Scoring Rubric



<u>Metric or Area</u>	<u>Total Possible Score</u>	<u>Percentage of Score</u>
Project Description: Clear Articulation of the project goals and the project vision	10	10%
Project Description: Physical Improvements	10	10%
Community Need: Demonstrated Community Need	15	15%
Community Benefit: Demonstrated Community Benefit	15	15%
Citizen Support: Demonstrated Community Engagement	20	20%
Project Feasibility: Demonstrated Financial Support	10	10%
Project Feasibility: Sustainability and Maintenance	10	10%
Project Feasibility: Project Schedule	10	10%

# 2022 GRANT UPDATE

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# 3rd Street Third Space



- **Neighborhood:** Riverfront
- **Amount Funded:** \$5,500
- **Project:** Improve safety and visual appearance of the traffic calming installation at the intersection of 3rd and Myrtle to create a “third space”
- **Project Updates:** Fully complete!

# NS/WS Public Art & Placemaking



- **Neighborhood:** NS/WS
- **Amount Funded:** \$3,800
- **Project:** Community based, collaborative, public art projects – one large street mural and three quick build traffic circle enhancement installations
- **Update:** Mostly complete; waiting until spring to purchase plants to finish off grant funds



# Ninkpata Park Preliminary Plan



- **Neighborhood:** Farviews/Pattee Canyon
- **Amount Funded:** \$5,300
- **Project:** Topographic survey and preliminary design for Ninkpata Park
- **Update:** Fully complete!



# Call for Street Art (Traffic Circles)



- **Neighborhood:** Lewis & Clark
- **Amount Funded:** \$5,300
- **Project:** Three quick-build circles
  - artist to complete fully painted traffic circle plus two designs for citizen-engagement art projects
- **Update:** Currently working with the PAC to transfer funds. One circle has been completed with the community component occurring in May



# Bonner Park Upgrades



- **Neighborhood:** University
- **Amount Funded:** \$1,100
- **Project:** Upgrades – pickleball courts and a preliminary study for the addition of outdoor exercise equipment
- **Project Update:** Fully completed in the summer of 2022



# 2023 GRANT APPLICATIONS

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# Applications



Grant Project	Neighborhood	Funding Requested	Funding Recommended
2023 MSO Beach Expansion	Lewis & Clark	\$6,000	\$6,000
Northside Street Murals	NS/WS	\$4,980.69	\$4,980
Bike Racks at Bonner Park	University	\$4,750	\$4,500
Outdoor Learning Space at Meadow Hill School	South 39th	\$6,000	\$2,900
Beartracks Bridge Underbridge Lighting	Heart of Missoula	\$6,000	\$0
Gateway to the Rattlesnake Sign	Lower Rattlesnake	\$1,600	\$1,600
Community Flower & Produce Stand	River Road	\$2,761	\$0
Total:		\$32,091	\$19,980

# Final Grant Scoring



Project Title	DMP Higgins Underbridge	Playfair Park Volleyball Courts	Lower Rattlesnake Gateway Sign	Northside Street Murals	Community Flower and Produce Stand	Meadow Hill Outdoor Learning Space	Bonner Park Improvements
Neighborhood	Heart of Missoula	Lewis & Clark	Lower Rattlesnake	NS/WS	River Road	South 39th	University
Metric or Area	DMP Higgins Underbridge	Playfair Parks Volleyball Courts	Lower Rattlesnake Gateway Sign	Northside Street Murals	Community Flower and Produce Stand	Meadow Hill Outdoor Learning Space	Bonner Park Improvements
Total Points	628	748	631	734	556	663	674

## From Highest to Lowest Scoring:

- 2023 MSO Beach Expansion: **748**
- Northside Street Murals: **734**
- Bonner Park Bike Racks: 674
- Meadow Hill Outdoor Learning Spaces: **663**
- Gateway to the Rattlesnake Sign: **631**
- Lighting Beartracks Underbridge: **628**
- Community Flower and Produce Stand: **556**

# Artistic Lighting under the Beartracks Bridge



- **Neighborhood:** Heart of Missoula
- **Amount Requested:** \$6,000
- **Total Budget:** \$100,000
- **Project:** To fund unique, artistic lighting under the bridge to create a bright, vibrant area. Local engineers will provide consultation and evaluation for the design, style and installation of lighting under the Higgins Ave bridge.



# 2023 MSO Beach Expansion



- **Neighborhood:** Lewis & Clark
- **Amount Requested:** \$6,000
- **Total Budget:** \$18,000
- **Project:** A simple, commonsense layout modification would transform MSO Beach from four courts to a six court facility. Moving existing courts closer together and expanding the sand area slightly into an unused area between existing ballparks allows for a more efficient use of space and expands recreational opportunity.

# Gateway to Rattlesnake Sign



- **Neighborhood:** Lower Rattlesnake
- **Amount Requested:** \$1,600
- **Total Budget:** \$1,600
- **Project:** Replace an LRNC sign placed in Sergeant Don Gregory Park by the LRNC over 20 years ago as part of a neighborhood improvement project.

# Northside Street Murals



- **Neighborhood:** Northside/Westside
- **Amount Requested:** \$4,980.69
- **Total Budget:** \$6,812.59
- **Project:** Three street-surface murals in the Northside, continuing the work that started in 2022. Three new murals will allow continued collaboration with local indigenous artists, practice placemaking to strengthen community connections, and beautify our community with public art.



# Community Flower and Produce Stand

- **Neighborhood:** River Road
- **Amount Requested:** \$2,761
- **Total Budget:** \$5,445
- **Project:** build and maintain a community flower and produce stand for the River Road neighborhood.



# Outdoor Learning Space at Meadow Hill



- **Neighborhood:** South 39th
- **Amount Requested:** \$6,000
- **Total Budget:** \$6,000
- **Project:** build and maintain a community flower and produce stand for the River Road neighborhood.

# Bike Racks at Bonner Park



- **Neighborhood:** University District
- **Amount Requested:** \$4,750
- **Total Budget:** \$4,750
- **Project:** build and maintain a community flower and produce stand for the River Road neighborhood.

# Recommended Funding

- The grant committee is recommended funding for five (5) of the seven (7) grant applications that were submitted. Most grant applications will be fully funded (or close to fully funded).
- **Recommended Motion:**
  - Approve the recommended grant awards for the FY23 Energize Your Neighborhood Grant projects.

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Bridge Underbridge Lighting	
Community Flower & Produce Stand	\$0
Total:	\$19,980