



Community Forum Agenda

Date: April 27, 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

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app*:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

* You may be prompted to download the Teams app

Or call in (audio only)

406-384-6960

Phone Conference ID: 177 582 054#

Press *5 to raise your hand to be recognized for public comment, *6 to mute and unmute

Watch the meeting only:

[Web stream \(live or on demand\)](#) Open this meeting on the calendar and select "View Live Stream" or "Video."

For more ways to watch the meeting and submit public comment, see the Citizen Participation Guide.

Issues? Call the City Clerk 406-552-6078.

If anyone attending this meeting needs special assistance, please provide 48 hours advance notice by calling the City Clerk Office at 406-552-6073.

Pages

During the meeting, please remember to 1) Be recognized by the moderator before speaking, 2) Turn on your microphone. 3) State your name. 4) Speak clearly, 4-5 inches away from your microphone.

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

1

Recommended motion:

Approve the minutes dated March 23, 2023

2. Public comment on non-agenda items from audience

3. Presentations

3.1 2023 Neighborhood Grant Overview - Kalina Pritchard

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

3.2 Neighborhood Watch - Tony Rollin

4. Special events

5. Reports

5.1 Staff Reports

Kalina Pritchard

5.2 Neighborhood Council reports

Report from all Neighborhoods

5.3 City Council liaison report

Gwen Jones, City Council, Ward 3

6. Adjourn



Community Forum Minutes

Date: March 23, 2023
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Council Chambers (in person) or TEAMS (virtually)
Attend in person: City Council Chambers, 140 W Pine, Missoula MT

During the meeting, please remember to 1) Be recognized by the moderator before speaking, 2) Turn on your microphone. 3) State your name. 4) Speak clearly, 4-5 inches away from your microphone.

1. Administrative business

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

1.2 Roll call by neighborhood council

Members present: Terri Roach, Upper Rattlesnake - Colleen Biehl, Lewis & Clark - Lee Boman, Miller Creek - Mark Foss, Southgate Triangle - Gracie Sanford, Lower Rattlesnake - Antony Jo, Captain John Mullan - Timothy Garrison, Northside/Westside - Tyler Warren, Riverfront, Bert Lindler, Grant Creek

Members absent: Farview/Pattee Canyon - Franklin to the Fort - Heart of Missoula - Moose Can Gully - River Road - Rose Park - S. 39th - University District - Two Rivers

Other present: Gwen Jones, City Council Ward 3, Kalina Pritchard and Kelly Elam, Missoula Neighborhoods, Travis Mateer, Poverello Homeless Outreach

1.3 Determination of quorum

A quorum was present.

1.4 Approval of minutes

Bert Lindler moved to approve the minutes. Colleen Biehl seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

2. Public comment on non-agenda items from audience

Travis Mateer, Poverello Homeless Outreach announced they have \$500 in the Impact Fund. The program offers food, water, clothing, supplies and other needs. There are other issues for shelter resistant people who have illegal tendencies and they are looking for solutions.

Antony Jo said the Montana International Choral Festival will take place July 19 - 22. The festival began in 1987 and takes place every 3 years, but covid prevented it from happening. There are so many choirs coming from all over the world and he is asking for hosts to help this event be successful. For more information visit www.choralfestival.org.

3. Presentation: 2023 Neighborhood Grants Overview - Kalina Pritchard

Kalina said the grant motion will be postponed until April. A grant was overlooked and the committee will meet and score it. The motion will be on the April CF agenda. Each year the City Council allocates \$20,000 and chosen grants that meet the criteria are awarded up to \$6000. This year there were 8 grant applications submitted totaling \$33,041. The grant process and the grant sub-committee was made up from Leadership Team members who wanted to participate. She gave an overview of all the grants submitted. The Committee timeline has changed a little bit, but shouldn't delay the process to much.

Previous awarded grants include 3rd St. Third Space and is complete. NSWS Public Art & Placemaking and will finish this spring. Ninkpata Park is fully complete. Call for Street Art in L&C neighborhood for quick build traffic circles soon to be completed. Bonner Park Upgrades for pickleball courts are completed.

Eight grant applications were submitted for the fiscal year 2023. Artistic Lighting under the bridge was not funded. The committee liked the idea, but maintenance and sustainability was a problem and the project was very large and the neighborhood grant is focused on funding completable projects. The Community Flower and Produce Stand would be located on a private space of land and there is no right away for it and the grant does not support private entities. The projects funded was MSO Beach Expansion, in the L&C neighborhood Playfair Park to add more volleyball courts and there was plenty of support. Gateway to the Rattlesnake Sign has been there for 20 years and needs refurbished, it is located in the Lower Rattlesnake Gateway. The Northside Street Murals had a robust application, and this will continue the grant from fiscal year 2022. Outdoor Learning Space at the Meadow Hill School will provide meeting space and help smooth the space for wheel chair access and provide bench maintenance. More Bike Racks at Bonner Park are needed. The park is busy and there are only three there now and only supports 6 bikes, so 3 more will be added. The bike pump was not approved. Tree Care in Missoula, Rose Park is requesting to create a handout for better information on tree care for boulevard and private trees on private property. The scoring has not been completed, but will be within the next week.

If the Tree grant is funded the awarded grants funding will be changed. Missoula Neighborhoods apologizes for the missed grant. There will be more information at the next Community Forum meeting in April.

Colleen noted the application is user friendly and easier to fill out and apply.

The committee does a great job and is not easy. Thank you to the grant committee for volunteering your time.

4. Special events

4.1 Neighborhood Clean-Up Update - Kalina Pritchard

Kalina sent a form through email to the neighborhoods regarding the clean-up on Saturday, April 29. We are working with Republic Services, Garden City Compost, and Parks & Rec. All neighborhoods are included and can use the neighborhood funds for refreshments. The form is due by March 31 and that will give us time to set it up.

5. Reports

5.1 Staff Reports

5.1.1 Neighborhood Report - Kalina Pritchard

The Local Government Academy had 28 participants and was successful. The City Department Heads gave presentations which was enlightening. Gwen Jones thanked the Missoula Neighborhoods for the work done to help set it up.

5.2 Neighborhood Council reports

5.2.1 All Neighborhoods Report

Captain John Mullan - Antony said they met and Shane Stack, County Public Works gave a presentation on Mullan Build. The Choral Festival is July 19 - 22. They are planning a General meeting on May 9.

Grant Creek, Bert said they will have a LT meeting and address issues that are coming up.

Lewis & Clark, Colleen said the LT are working with P&R on the Bancroft Ponds and will be using the final grant funds to finish the project.

Lower Rattlesnake, Gracie said they met and discussed the train horns on Taylor St. Crossing and Madison St. The horn decimals have gone up in the last 10 years and is distractive to residents and business owners in the area. Mayor Hess and Ellen Buchanan was there to discuss the issue. They are planning a General meeting in June or July in the park.

Miller Creek, Lee said they met and Stacie Anderson, City Council Ward 5 was there and discussed the Riverfront Trails subdivision and they were pleased with Stacie's answers. They are planning to participate in the clean up on April 29.

Northside/Westside, Timmothy said they met and Mayor Hess was there to speak about housing, pedestrian bridge and the future round about.

Riverfront, Tyler said the leadership team has full representation now and will have a general meeting on March 30, they discussed the clean up, sculpture park, and opportunity resource project.

Southgate Triangle, Mark said they have funds from Cowboy Flats for Bellevue Park and they are working with Donna Gaukler, P&R on the project. They are

planning a General meeting on April 12, and will be discussing the neighborhood road conditions.

Upper Rattlesnake, Terri said they had a general meeting and Jamie Jonkel, Fish & Game gave a bear report, and they held elections. They will have a general meeting sometime this summer. There is a meeting coming up on the Lolo street bridge.

5.3 City Council liaison report

5.3.1 Gwen Jones, City Council Ward 3

Gwen Jones said the City Council is busy with the legislative session and the City budget. There were no questions or comments.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



Missoula Neighborhoods

2023 ENERGIZE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT OVERVIEW

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
- 2023 Grants
 - 8 grant applications submitted
 - Total \$ requested: \$33,041.69

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 (Informational Presentation)
- **April 27:** Community Forum (Motion to Support)
- **Early May (tentatively):** City Council Committee
- **Mid-May (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%

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

Final Grant Scoring



Project Title	DMP Higgins Underbridge	Tree Care in Missoula Brochure	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	Rose Park	Lewis & Clark	Lower Rattlesnake	NS/WS	River Road	South 39th	University
Metric or Area	DMP Higgins Underbridge	Tree Care in Missoula Brochure	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	547	395	652	554	638	488	585	594

From Highest to Lowest Scoring:

- 2023 MSO Beach Expansion: **652**
- Northside Street Murals: **638**
- Bonner Park Bike Racks: **594**
- Meadow Hill Outdoor Learning Spaces: **585**
- Gateway to the Rattlesnake Sign: **554**
- Lighting Beartracks Underbridge: **547**
- Community Flower and Produce Stand: **488**
- Tree Care in Missoula: **395**

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.

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.



Bike Racks at Bonner Park



- **Neighborhood:** University District
- **Amount Requested:** \$4,750
- **Total Budget:** \$4,750
- **Project:** Bonner Park only has 3 bike racks that accommodate six bikes. This project would provide Bonner Park patrons with a prominent location to park and lock their bikes while enjoying a wide variety of activities. Additionally, bike riders will have access to an air pump adjacent to the bike racks.

Outdoor Learning Space at Meadow Hill



- **Neighborhood:** South 39th
- **Amount Requested:** \$6,000
- **Total Budget:** \$6,000
- **Project:** Improve the Outdoor Learning Space at Meadow Hill Middle School.

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.

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.



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.



Tree Care in Missoula



- **Neighborhood:** Rose Park
- **Amount Requested:** \$950
- **Total Budget:** \$950
- **Project:** Create a handout which will contain instructions for care of trees located on boulevards and in yards in the City of Missoula. The aspects of tree management will include watering, pruning, do's and don'ts with regard to application of chemicals, when trees need to be removed, etc.

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
Gateway to the Rattlesnake Sign	Lower Rattlesnake	\$1,600	\$1,600
Beartracks Bridge Underbridge Lighting	Heart of Missoula	\$6,000	No
Community Flower & Produce Stand	River Road	\$2,761	No
Tree Care in Missoula	Rose Park	\$950	No
Total:		\$33,041.69	\$19,980.00

Recommended Motion

- The grant committee is recommending funding for five (5) of the eight (8) grant applications that were submitted.
- Recommended Motion:
 - I move the Community Forum approves the recommended grant awards for the Fiscal Year 2023 Energize Your Neighborhood Grant projects.

Grant Project	Funding Recommended
2023 MSO Beach Expansion	\$6,000
Northside Street Murals	\$4,980
Bike Racks at Bonner Park	\$4,500
Outdoor Learning Space at Meadow Hill School	\$2,900
Gateway to the Rattlesnake Sign	\$1,600
Beartracks Bridge Underbridge Lighting	No
Community Flower & Produce Stand	No
Tree Care in Missoula	No
Total:	\$19,980.00