

Rose Park Neighborhood Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

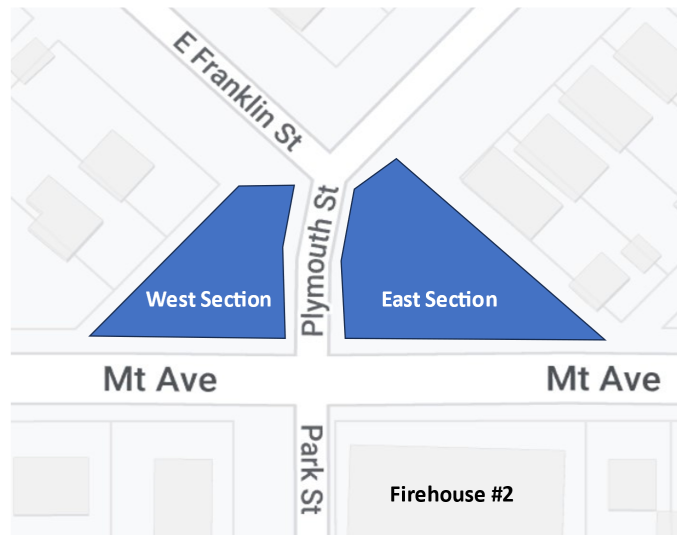
October 18, 2023, 5:15 PM, Hal Fraser Conference Room, 140 W. Pine St.

1. Introductions and Roll Call
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm
 - b. Present were Melissa Glueckert, Kalina Pritchard, Eric Claxton, Rachel Calderon-Navarro, Gary Smith, Audrey Hayes, Sean Hayes, Tony Rollin, Ben Weiss (Senior Planner, Bicycle Pedestrian Program)
 - c. Regrets from Chloe Runs Behind
2. No previous minutes were approved.
3. Traffic management Project – Ben Weiss
 - a. Discussion on the use of traffic circles and roundabouts was held. Key points follow:
 - i. Ben said that traffic circles are smaller and roundabouts are larger. In roundabouts, traffic within the roundabout always has right-of-way. In traffic circles, drivers need to protect their right.
 - ii. Some Leadership Team members raised concern that traffic circles were put onto city streets without prior discussion with citizens who live nearby. Ben made the point that the city went through a process to inform and get feedback from neighborhoods before installation of traffic circles. It was obvious that the process of informing citizens was not totally effective.
 - iii. There was also discussion of the value of traffic circles/roundabouts vs. stop signs vs. nothing at all. Ben made the point that safety dictates some type of traffic speed modifier at unmarked intersections as, even at 25 mph, oncoming traffic cannot always be seen. He pointed to higher accidents on Park Street (before traffic circle installation) than on busier roads when traffic density is taken into consideration.
 - b. Decision was reached concerning three traffic circles (Franklin and Longstaff, Franklin and Rollins, Franklin and Edith). Ben requested the leadership team decide whether the engineering department should install a) all-concrete circles or b) dirt/plants with concrete outer circle at these locations. Ben said that the city would pay for a tree and four other plantings at each location of the dirt/plants option was chosen.
 - i. **Motion was made to adopt the dirt/plants option by Tony, seconded by Rachel. Motion was unanimously approved.** It was further agreed as part of the motion that the Leadership Team would provide maintenance for these circles if nearby citizens were not willing or able to do so. (Note that the citizens near these intersections were sent a letter by the Office

of Neighborhoods, but only one response was received in advance of this meeting.) Because of this motion, the Leadership Team will sign the Traffic Circle Agreement as required for the engineering department to proceed with installation of these traffic circles.

- ii. Discussion was heard relating to this motion before the vote. It was suggested that art might be placed at the center of the circles which would not require maintenance. It was agreed that such art could be installed at a later date after installation of the dirt/plant circles.
4. Slant Street Gateway Use (Gateway is located at the intersection of Park, Mount, Plymouth, and Franklin Streets)

Slant Street Gateway Location



- a. Ben Weiss commented that the city was working on a plan to install sidewalks and related infrastructure in the Gateway area. The plan is not yet finalized. Leadership Team requested regular updates from Ben as more information becomes available.
 - b. It was decided that further discussion of Gateway use would wait until City plans for the area are better understood.
5. Slant Street Gateway Clean-up
- a. **It was decided that a fall cleanup would be held on November 5, noon to 3 pm.** All Leadership Team members who can help with cleanup are requested to attend.
 - b. Kalina will alert all who signed up at the September General Meeting of this activity.
 - c. Eric and Tony will provide pick-ups for the collection of debris.
 - d. Participants should bring their own tools and safety-related gear such as gloves.

6. Neighborhood Grant Ideas
 - a. The list of grant ideas from the September General Meeting were provided by Rachel. It was agreed that two ideas would be considered for this grant cycle. Rachel agreed to be champion for the “Teaching/learning permaculture Free Food Garden” and Tony agreed to be champion for the “Rose Garden” idea.
 - b. Decision will be made at the November RPLT meeting on which idea to move forward.
7. The following issues were tabled for discussion at future RPLT meetings
 - a. Follow-up on the Tree Brochure idea – schedule meeting with City Urban Forester.
 - b. Follow-up on Rose Park adopt-a-bed concept – schedule a meeting with Missoula Rose Society for spring 2024.
8. Leadership Team Position selection
 - a. Kalina will hold training for the new team members tentatively scheduled for November 15 in the Hal Fraser Conference Room.
 - b. Team Leadership positions will be decided after the training.
9. No Community Forum Report due to lack of remote access to the meeting (technical difficulties)
10. No further comments from the Office of Missoula Neighborhoods other than those already recorded.
11. No Public comments
12. Announcements
 - a. It was decided that future meetings of the RPLT would be held at 5:30 pm in the Hal Fraser Conference room.
 - b. It was agreed that the November RPLT meeting would be held on November 8 to allow for completion of the Grant Submissions by the November 22 deadline.
13. Meeting was closed at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Rollin and Rachel Calderon-Navarro

October 19, 2023