

**Rose Park Neighborhood Council, Leadership Team Meeting Minutes, March 20, 2024;  
5:30pm**

1. Introduction and Roll Call
  - a. Present were Gary Smith, Audrey Hayes, Sean Hayes, Laval Means, Tony Rollin
  - b. Thanks to Laval who substituted for Office of Neighborhoods representative.
2. Approval of Minutes- February 21, 2024 - lacked a forum so minutes were not approved.
3. Presentations - Fire Department Mill Levy- Andy Drobeck (Local 271) and Philip Keating (Assistant Chief of Fire)
  - a. Phil presented the educational rationale for the upcoming mill levy including the statistics and facts related to the current fire department operations. Andy presented on behalf of the firefighter's union to support the current needs and experiences the crews are facing with increased call volume and lack of funding for personnel and the need for an additional station. Key points that justify the levy follow:
    - i. No additional personnel since 2008 but call volume has doubled.
    - ii. As a consequence of call volume doubling, call arrival time is two minutes over target and that can cost lives as the FD responds to all calls, not only for fire but also for medical services. Sometimes there are not enough resources to respond to simultaneous calls.
    - iii. Demand for FD services has increased due to population growth and to other factors such as increased demand for avalanche, water rescue and WUI fire protection services.
    - iv. The levy will fund a new fire station, and new equipment and personnel for that station as well as replacement of current equipment and facility needs that are currently funded through the general fund budget. The levy will also provide sustainable ongoing funding for the Mobile Support Team (MST).
    - v. More information can be found at: [www.missoulafirefighters.org](http://www.missoulafirefighters.org)
    - vi. Yard signs in support of this levy can be obtained from Andy Droboc (406-240-0049). Signs will be delivered to you upon request.
4. Elections
  - a. The elections were not held due to a lack of team members at the meeting. However, a proposal for leadership positions was developed for consideration of the team, modification as needed, and voting at the next meeting.
    - i. Chairperson - Rachel, backup Tony
    - ii. Treasurer - Melissa (or Kalina)
    - iii. Secretary - possibly Chloe but she has not been reached to confirm willingness to take this role.
    - iv. Representative for Community Forum - Gary, back-up Sean
5. Neighborhood Clean-up, Saturday April 27
  - a. Rose Park will participate in the Neighborhood Cleanup and will focus on two areas:
    - i. Area bounded by Holburn Street, South Avenue, Stephens St, and West Sussex Ave. Coordinator for this section is Gary Smith

- ii. The Slant Street Gateway across the street from the Mount Fire Station. Coordinator for this area is Tony Rollin.
- iii. It was agreed to use Neighborhood funds to buy lunch for participants.
- iv. Coordinator's activities
  - 1. contact local residents and get their support to help.
  - 2. Fill out an online form to Let Kalina/Melissa know if tools and/or dumpsters are needed.
  - 3. Organize lunch for those who sign up.

6. Future guests and initiatives

- a. Urban Forester will be invited to the April RPLC meeting - Action for Kalina
- b. Missoula Rose Society
  - i. Tony talked with Judy Hoar about rose bed adoption, workday, and potential funding of rose bush purchases.
  - ii. Rose Bed Adoption
    - 1. It was agreed that the Rose Society will send a representative to the September Rose Park general meeting to discuss bed adoption and sign people up.
    - 2. The Society will provide training to those who adopt beds.
  - iii. Workday - May 18. This is the date for helping to clean out rose beds and prune roses. The workday will be advertised by the Society.
  - iv. Rose Park Funding for the Society - this will be discussed at the next Society meeting on April 18. Rose bushes can be purchased from Ace Hardware and the Society wants to have input on which should be purchased.

7. Planning for September General Meeting

- a. September 15 was chosen for the general meeting.
- b. Audrey will ask the Boy Scout Executive whether we can ask Scout Troops to assist in handing out hangers in the neighborhood.
- c. Signage will be similar to that used last year. Hangers will be updated but similar to last year.
- d. Other plans will be discussed in April and subsequent meetings.

8. Request for Crosswalk Modification for Paxson School

- a. Julie Robitaille, Principal of Paxson School, will join our April Meeting and discuss the school's needs.
- b. It was agreed that Kalina/Melissa would be prepared to offer Julie advice on next steps, whom to contact, etc.

9. Slant Street Gateway Planning - deferred to a future meeting

10. Community Forum Report- Gary Smith

- a. Gary provided a summary of the latest Community Forum.
- b. Code Reform was discussed. A bill, SB382, was also discussed as well as two other bills that went into effect on January 1 (Duplex Bill and ADU Bill). These bills could have an impact on Rose Park. More discussion will be needed to determine what actions need to be taken if any.

- c. Workshops to address the Unhoused are underway. Their purpose is to Define problems and to seek solutions. More information on this topic is available on the City Website.

11. Neighborhood Budget now stands at ~\$650 and this must be spent by end of June.

12. Missoula Neighborhoods Report- Laval Means

- a. Laval mentioned that there will be periodic Neighborhood updates to the City Council. Office of neighborhoods will put together a calendar showing dates of participation for the neighborhoods.

13. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - none

14. Announcements - none

15. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Rollin, March 27, 2024