

Rose Park Neighborhood Council - Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2024; 5:30pm

Ryman Street Conference Room, (Formerly Mayor 's Conference room), 410 Ryman St

1. Introduction and Roll Call
 - a. Present were Audrey Hayes, Sean Hayes, Tony Rollin, Hal Mittman, Carly McDonnell, Molly Mohan, Kalina Pritchard, and Melissa Glueckert
 - b. Hal Mittman was added to the Leadership team by vote during the September General Meeting
 - c. Molly and Carly were voted in as members of the Rose Park Leadership team (motion/second by Audrey/Sean, vote was all in favor)
2. Approval of Minutes- August 19, 2024
 - a. Minutes were approved (motion/second by Sean/Tony, vote was all in favor)
3. There were no Presentations
4. Urban Deer Follow-Up from General Meeting
 - a. This was the most actively discussed topic during the meeting. Ryan Klimstra of Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) was present at the General Meeting to answer questions on this topic. He made the point that the City Council and Mayor need to take action.
 - b. At this meeting, the following points were made
 - i. Urban deer are the responsibility of FWP
 - ii. Several methods for controlling deer in other urban areas include culling, relocating, and birth control.
 - iii. The following is a summary from the web of deer culling in Helena:

Helena Deer Management Program (Culling) : Helena has periodically implemented controlled culling to reduce the deer population within the city. In cooperation with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), the city sets quotas for the number of deer to be removed. Trained personnel or contractors typically trap and humanely euthanize the deer. The meat is usually donated to local food banks, ensuring it benefits the community.
 - iv. There seems to be a disconnect between the City Council and FWP, according to the Office of Neighborhoods. More discussion and interaction between those groups is needed. Also, having all concerned neighborhoods work together would be beneficial. The Community Forum could be the place for such a coalition to form. First step would be to have FWP present at CF and answer questions.
Action for Kalina - invite FWP to the November/December CF for discussion of urban deer issue
5. General Meeting Recap
 - a. Attendance at the general meeting was much lower than last year.

- i. Conflict with Sunday Streets event in the University District Neighborhood could have been a contributing factor. Calendar for such events should be checked before choosing meeting date.
 - ii. There was discussion around expanding the General Meeting to attract more participation (games, music, food, etc.)
 - iii. It was agreed that citizens should be asked about best time of the year and time of day for the Rose Park General Meeting.
 - iv. **Request was made to circulate the urban tree handout to all team members - action for Melissa.**
 - b. It was decided to postpone further discussion of the September General Meeting until a summary of the meeting is available.
Action for Audrey - send Melissa a summary of the notes taken at the general meeting.
- 6. Tree brochure - next steps and timeline
 - a. **It was agreed that this initiative should be jumpstarted by inviting the Urban Forester to attend a Rose Park Leadership Team meeting this winter. Action for Melissa/Kalina.**
- 7. Grant process
 - a. Two ideas, both involving Rose Park, were discussed
 - i. Assist Missoula Rose Society with their priority projects - **Action for Molly to contact the Society and find out whether any projects are available for collaboration/funding through the Grant Process**
 - ii. Assist Missoula Parks and Rec with their beautification initiatives at Rose Park. **Action for Carly to contact Parks and Rec and find out whether any projects are available for collaboration/funding through the Grant Process**
 - iii. The timeline for the Grant process was provided by Melissa. This year, proposals need to be presented to Kalina and Melissa so guidance can be provided up front. These guidance sessions must be completed by November 20. Proposals need to be submitted by November 27.
- 8. Leadership Team Members for the upcoming year - new people and roles
 - a. The team welcomed Carly, Molly, and Hal. Gary Smith, Audrey, Sean, and Tony will continue as part of the team.
 - b. The following positions were agreed upon - some confirmations are needed as indicated below with *
 - i. Chairperson/Co-chairperson: Sean/Tony
 - ii. Administrative/co-administrative: Carly/Molly
 - iii. Treasurers: Kalina/Melissa
 - iv. Community Forum Representative/backup: Gary Smith*/Sean*
 - v. Representative to the City Council: Audrey
- 9. Community Forum Report - Tony was present at the September meeting. Presentations were made by the Missoula County 9-1-1 Team (Donna Townsley and Sherri Odlin) and Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails (PROST) Update (Haley Erickson, Program

Specialist Ecosystem Services & Open Spaces). Both presentations were well received and can be viewed online.

- a. Since Gary is not available for the October CF, Sean will represent Rose Park.

10. Neighborhood Budget - current balance is ~\$1900

11. Missoula Neighborhoods Report- Melissa/Kalina

- a. Melissa requested that we change the time of our meeting due to the number of neighborhoods that meet on the same evening.
- b. It was agreed that we would meet on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm.**

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - none

13. Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm. Motion/second, vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Rollin, member of the Rose Park Leadership Team

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