

Rose Park Neighborhood Council - Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 14th, 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, Gary Smith, Carly McDonnell, and Lavalle Means

2. Approval of Minutes- October 16th, 2024

- a. Minutes were approved (motion/second by Sean/Tony, vote was all in favor)

3. Presentations

- a. There were no presentations

4. Items Discussed

a. Rose Park Grant Application- Carly

- i. Parks and Rec shared a 2007-2008 Rose Park master plan (see attachment) which includes significant upgrades to the WWII memorial at the center of the park.

-Despite master plan, P&R would prefer to abandon the rose beds entirely.

-Waiting on P&R to help obtain bids for master plan implementation.

ii. The Rose Society has shared their concerns and priorities:

- The roses will not be winterized this year due to lack of volunteers and continuous plant damage from deer

- Rose Society would like a fence similar to the one behind the insectarium (6' black wrought iron ~\$70,000) around the rose beds. They started a gofundme page.

- Concern that the master plan moves the rose beds. Soil was not properly prepared last time beds were added; those beds were later abandoned.

- Concern that most beds are without 4x4 edging so grass takes over quickly.
- Concern that the sprinklers damage the roses; drip line is ideal.

iii. Need the support of Veterans Groups per Parks and Rec; no specific group was identified.

- Molly emailed VFW and American Legions.
- Carly emailed ROTC.
- Carly met with the Army recruiters.
- Carly will meet with Western Montana Officers Association on Tuesday 11/19/24.

iv. Missoula's Midtown Association and the Missoula Organization of Realtors have offered to write letters of support to submit with application.

v. Friends of Missoula Parks is a potential partner and 501c3.

vi. Discussion about potential for help from Eagle Scouts and Boy Scouts

vii. Suggestion to coordinate rose bed restoration for 2025 Neighborhood Clean-up Day. Depends upon phasing of master plan.

viii. Molly & Carly completed the pre-application meeting with Melissa.

ix. Carly shared photos (see attached) and presented a letter of support to the leadership team that they approved and signed so it may be submitted with the grant application.

x. All agree that replacement of the deteriorating obelisk is a reasonable and actionable focus for the Energize Your Neighborhood grant.

5. Community Forum Report- Sean

- a. Missoula Code Reform & Policy Update
 - i. Over two years of planning, though plans are not set in stone, very big picture.
 - ii. More deadlines to come.
 - iii. Public Review draft is available for check out.

iv. Public hearing w/ planning board next Tuesday 11/19. – Still opportunities for comment.

v. Public hearing on the homeless situation 12/2.

6. Neighborhood Budget

a. No discussion of budget with Melissa/ Kalina's planned absences.

7. Missoula Neighborhoods Report- Melissa/ Kalina

a. No report with Melissa/ Kalina's planned absences.

8. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

a. Email from Ron Schall regarding the triangle park at Plymouth and Mount.

Suggests a model pocket solar park w/ one or more pop up arrays. Says there is federal money available for solar projects.

b. Nothing has been done at the triangle park since last discussed and leaves didn't get removed from this space this year. **Action for Melissa: Please add Triangle Park to agenda items to be discussed so we can continue to work on making something happen in this space.**

9. Announcements

a. None

10. Meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm. Motion Audrey/ second Tony, vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly McDonnell, member of the Rose Park Leadership Team November 14th, 2024