

Captain John Mullan Neighborhood Council
Leadership Team Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2025

Present: Kalina Pritchard, Kathie Snodgrass, Christine Larson, Karey Sabol

Meeting convened: 5:00 pm

- I. Minutes: No minutes to approve this month.
- II. Impact of Federal Grant Cuts on City of Missoula and CJM Neighborhood
 - a. A judge has blocked President Trump's executive order for federal funding cuts, so the order has not yet been implemented.
 - b. City staff are continuing to monitor the situation and seek attorney's office review.
 - c. No known impacts to Mullan Build Project at this time. If the situation changes, the city will send notice.
- III. Montana Legislative Session Impacts
 - a. The City team monitors legislation and provides updates with official city opinions on all pending legislation as well as legislative priorities on the [Missoula in Session website](#). Top City priorities this session:
 - i. Property tax reform
 - ii. Behavioral health and homelessness
 - iii. Housing and land use
 - iv. Tax increment financing
 - b. Site also provides easy instructions on how to comment on pending legislation.
- IV. Neighborhood development updates
 - a. West End Urban Farm Park: Updates and Timeline
 - i. No updates to shared despite infrastructure and construction activity. The website has not been updated in the past year.
 - ii. Kalina will invite Parks to present updates at an upcoming leadership team meeting.
 - b. Annexation of 2100 Flynn Lane
 - i. Leadership team received notification of Request for Agency Comment on a proposal to develop age-restricted (55+) housing at this location.
 - ii. No meeting is required at this stage.
 - iii. This proposal is scheduled for City Council review in April.
 - c. Paisley Park Subdivision
 - i. A community meeting will be held Wednesday, February 12 at 6 pm at Hellgate Elementary School, Building 3, to learn more and provide feedback on this proposal.
 - ii. The leadership team is unclear on the exact location of the proposed subdivision.
- V. Highlights from January 23 Missoula Community Forum
 - a. Karey attended the Forum and shared the following highlights:
 - i. Presentation on the Missoula County Fairgrounds
 - ii. Request from the Neighborhoods Office to update bylaws
 - iii. Neighborhood budget and Community Forum budget information shared
 - b. Neighborhood Specialist highlights:

- i. The neighborhoods office is providing an Action Plan tool to help neighborhood councils craft 2-year work plans for strategic priorities.
 - 1. So far, Miller Creek and Franklin to the Fort have drafted Action Plans, which Kalina can make available to us.
 - 2. Typically, input is gathered from the neighborhood through surveys and/or general meetings.
 - 3. The leadership team then develops 3-5 priorities (e.g., Transportation safety) with specific action steps.
- ii. Some neighborhoods have tried implementing regular newsletters or building community bulletin boards
- c. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
 - i. Neighborhood Boundary: Christine inquired whether the city is considering dividing the CJM neighborhood into two neighborhoods. Kalina confirmed that the population of CJM is in the vicinity of 6,000 residents, compared to some neighborhoods that have 1,200. It was suggested that we could consider this as part of our neighborhood action plan, starting with updating our bylaws and neighborhood profile, and then taking steps to gather information about HOA groups and other considerations within the neighborhood. The prior push to change the name of the neighborhood could be considered, as well.
 - ii. Pleasant View Park: Kathie noted that there will be a Pleasant View Park Meeting tomorrow and she can share updates at next month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 6:07 pm