

Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: October 28, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Rosauers
2350 S. Reserve St.
Missoula, MT 59801

Leadership Team Attendees: *Michelle Cares, Tim Streets, Matt Loomis, Brad May, Jake Riggs*

Others Present: *Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator; Patricia Hogan, Sarah Bates, National Wildlife Federation (NWF) deputy director; Juliet Slutzker, NWF sustainability & habitat educator*

- 1) NWF Certified Habitat-Franklin Park signage. Sarah Bates spoke.
 - a) The Parks Board would like to have parks certified, but hesitates to use the official NWF sign. Concerned that citizens may misinterpret future management decisions, such as: xeriscaping, no-spraying, etc. The city wants collaborative signage which provides explanation of management practices.
 - b) Question: What is the difference between signs at parks and signs in pocket parks in the right-of-way? Answer: Park Dept. is not concerned, because that is another department.
 - c) Question: Where in the hierarchy is the decision made? Answer: Not known; somewhere at staff level. The department seems to be bending over backward to make this happen. Other communities have done this with their own unique community identity.
 - d) The Neighborhood Project Funds grants deadline was yesterday, but funds could be available for a project such as this next year.
 - e) Ms. Bates handed out an explanatory document, which is in draft stage. Suggestions for revisions of this and public interpretive signs should be made to Juliet Slutzker of the NWF.
 - f) The purpose of the signage is to educate. This project at Franklin Park will set the standard for the city.
 - g) Ms. Bates suggested that the Franklin School site would be an excellent future project for development and education.
 - h) The NWF staff continues to work closely with the city on this project.
 - i) Question: What is the timeframe? Answer: NWF thinks this will happen soon, and notes that five city parks are potential. They also wish to look at the current Food Bank site.

- j) Question: Are other neighborhoods interested? Answer: Some are, but not as far along as F2F. Jane Kelly added that the office is waiting to get pollinator plates at traffic circles to provide water for pollinator species.
- k) Question: Who would design the signs? Answer: Unknown at this point.

2) Update on Franklin Park redevelopment plans (the bond issue). City staff did not provide information to Jane in time for this meeting. Jane will send links to the leadership team.

3) Community Forum report-Michelle Cares.

- a) At the Community Forum, a report was given concerning way-finding signage and information kiosks. The first phase will see the installation of 37 signs by the end of next year.
- b) At the Community Forum, a report was given on the Activate Missoula transportation plan. By federal law the plan is updated every four years. See: activatemissoula.com
- c) At the Community Forum, a report was given on Missoula College, which will be functional by May, 2017. Consideration is being given to a wind energy installation in the Hellgate Canyon, and a pedestrian bridge to connect to the Kim Williams Trail.

4) Office of Neighborhoods report-Jane Kelly.

- a) Candidate forums can be viewed on MCAT.org
- b) Please respond to a Community Forum questionnaire. Twelve questions cover strategic planning for the Community Forum and all Neighborhood Councils.

5) New business- We want to plan for a general public neighborhood meeting in January or February. Michelle will apply for reallocated funds to cover the costs of the meeting.

6) Public comment on non-agenda items-none.

7) Announcements-Matt Loomis announced an upcoming meeting to present fairgrounds concepts, Nov. 5.

Next leadership team meeting: Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at Rosauers. 6:00 PM

Minutes submitted by Brad May