

River Road Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes

Date: February 17, 2016

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: The Salvation Army
355 S. Russell Street
Missoula, MT 59802

Leadership Team Members Present: Melissa Neidigh, Jesse Neidigh, Nick Shontz, Patrick Guinard, Kim Walterskirchen

Others Present: Corena Maurer, Neighborhood Coordinator, Stephanie Kolb, Neighborhood Work Study, Aaron Brock, Missoula Food Bank, Rob Scheben, Neighborhood Watch

Pizza was served

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1. Welcome and Introduction to Neighborhood Councils – Corena Maurer, Neighborhood Assistant gave information and history on neighborhood councils.
 2. Missoula Food Bank – Aaron Brock, Missoula Food Bank Executive Director –
 - Max Baucus worked on the 1972 constitution
 - Stats about food bank
 - o 1 IN 6 Unduplicated customers (18414 in a year)
 - o ROOTS - once a month delivery to home-bound seniors
 - o Other programs partnering with about 20 other programs for at risk children in Missoula
 - o 1800 turkeys for thanksgiving
 - Largest reason is cost of living eats too much of income, 2nd to ran out of SNAP
 - 800SQ FT now - 3500+ in new location (ground floor)
 - Will have residential kitchen as learning kitchen to teach people to cook cheap raw foods healthily and
 - \$5.5-6M project in design phase now
 - Currently has 1.1M and about 100k from city to clean up site.
 - Need to raise 3.5M and already have about 2-2.5M
 - May break ground in April if money is raised.
 - o If that happens, maybe in building the following February

- Encompass V2 architectural firm and Jackson contractor
3. Russell Street Update – attendees were invited to view the various printouts/plans on the Russell Street construction.
 4. Neighborhood Prioritization – Jesse Neidigh
Attendees were given dots and asked to place them on posters around the room next to the items that they thought were of greatest importance. The results were:
Pedestrian and Bike Connectivity - 26 Votes
Wayfinding - 17 Votes
Trail Lighting - 14 Votes
Neighborhood Watch - 9 Votes
Street Lighting – 8 Votes
Trees - 6 Votes
Bus Stops - 6 Votes
Through Street Connectivity - 6 Votes
Sidewalks - 5 Votes
Connecting with City Council Members - 4 Votes
Local Services - 3 Votes
Russell Street Progress - 1 Vote
 5. Trail Lighting – Nick Shontz – there was a discussion on trail lighting on the Milwaukee Trail. Concerns about dark skies were voiced.
 6. Leadership Team Elections – Jesse Neidigh, Melissa Neidigh, Kim Walterskirchen, Patrick Guinard, Nick Shontz and Kari Marrero were nominated to serve on the leadership team. Mike Hanson made a motion to accept the team as a slate. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 7. Neighborhood Watch – Rob Scheben, Crime Prevention Officer – gave a presentation on neighborhood watch.
 8. Public comment on non-agenda items – Ellie from MUD spoke about a sustainability tour.
 9. Announcements - None

Submitted by: Jesse Neidigh

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