

Riverfront Neighborhood Council Leadership Team

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, June 13, 2016

Time: 5:30- 6:30 pm

Location: Bernice's Bakery

Leadership Team Members Present: Britt Arnesen, Jeff Rice, Caleb Kasper, Ed Nolder, Jonathan Qualben, Mary LaPorte

Others Present: Jane Kelly, Office of Neighborhoods, Ben Weiss, City of Missoula, Bob Giordano, MIST, Jen Bernosky, Republic Services, Gwen Hoppe and Councilwoman Gwen Jones

I. Approval of May 9 LT Minutes

Minutes approved as posted.

II. Public Comment

Jen Bernosky gave a presentation and provided material about the Republic Services All-in One Curbside Recycling Program now available. Caleb thanked Jan for her project.

III. Follow up: April & May Meetings: Transportation Issues

A.) Long Range Transportation Planning Committee:

After the last meeting Britt emailed Jessica Morris, Transportation Manager for the City, with copies of RFNC resolutions re: Higgins Street and Orange Street. Mary read the reply we received from Jessica. These projects were included in a list of projects at the May 24 Transportation Public Meeting. During a budgeting exercise, at least 3 of the small groups approved funding for studies re: the proposals. It is important to keep the 2 proposals separate.

B.) Gwen Jones stated that she and Emily Bentley are aware of our resolutions; she encouraged continued attention. Council role will continue to be very important. Discussion of the 2020 planned renovation of the Higgins Bridge, and also the \$100,000,000 federal transportation funding that will not be accessible until 2030.

C.) Higgins Street Day of Safety: conversation evolved to support a demonstration of the Higgins proposal, using cones & other temporary indicators. A subcommittee (Britt, Caleb and Bob) will develop a proposal to host a demonstration trial of the 3- lane proposal.

IV. Update 5th/6th Study: Ben Weiss

Alta Planning is currently completing the study. Several data sources are included in the study: the opinion poll conducted by the Office of Neighborhoods, crash data, speed counts, volume. Several alternatives will be developed.

Two public hearings will be held to review results of the study, and to invite feedback. The preferred alternative will consider public input, cost, and feasibility. RFNC will be informed about the meetings; the first should be

within the next few weeks. A second meeting will be held 4-6 weeks after the 1st meeting.

Complete Streets: Ben also provided history of this program, which dates to a 2009 City Council resolution designed to consider all users whenever new streets are constructed, or streets renovated. Missoula was rated as “need for improvement” in a national survey including 900 cities. Ben has been reviewing 16 local road projects in the context of complete streets. East Broadway is one of the priority projects. The policy is being updated now, and will be presented to the City Council this month.

IV. New Business: Gwen Jones

A.) Fireworks at Osprey Stadium: In effort to gain closure on the issue, handshake agreements have been made between the Mayor and the stadium owners to keep the number of fireworks events to 4 per season. The RFNC emphasized that no fireworks should be released after 10:30 pm. Also, there should be no fireworks without public notice, even if a game with fireworks scheduled is rained out .

The RFNC LT strongly believes that the **Hickory Gate** arrangement for events needs to be left as is. Although it reported was left open for a recent event, Gwen Hoppe reported that she closed the gate (broken) with twine .

B.) New Plans for the Hive Building: there have been recent reports that Parks and Rec are in discussion with MIS and the Missoula Senior Center for joint programming at the site. Gwen is advocating for a role for Missoula Public Schools. This will be on the agenda at the June 29 the Parks and Conservation Committee.

V. Community Forum Report: Britt

Britt summarized her written report previously shared with the Leadership Team, including presentations by Missoula Economic Partnership and a review of Tourist Homes in Missoula. She encouraged all to attend when possible.

Need for alternate June 23: Ed Nolder will try to attend if possible.

VI. Office of Neighborhoods Report: Jane

Corena is back!

Large Grant applications for 2016-17 are on line now; the deadline will be in late October.

VII. Announcements

Tree Committee Meeting June 22

VIII. Next LT Meeting : July 11

No Meeting in August

Fall General Meeting will be discussed in July

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary LaPorte
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