

Captain John Mullan Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: July 19, 2016

Time: 6:30PM - 8:15PM

Location: Glengarra Apartments, 3900 Galway Ave., Missoula MT

Leadership Team Members in attendance: Anne Nelson, Steve Schmidt, Robin Crotty

Others Present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, Douglas Reisig, Superintendent of Hellgate Elementary School, Kevin Slovarp, City Engineer, Lisa Beczkiewicz, Let's Move! Missoula and Harold Nelson

1. Welcomed special guest Douglas Reisig, Ed.D. Superintendent, Hellgate Elementary School. Mr. Reisig was here to show support for pedestrian safety/traffic calming improvements on England Blvd.

2. Minutes from April 19 were approved as posted.

3. Presentation by Lisa Beczkiewicz from "Let's Move! Missoula".

Lisa spoke about the importance of getting outside and exercising especially for children, but also for adults.

She also spoke in support of calming traffic in the neighborhood, so that we could get the Safe Routes to School program implemented. This is a program that encourages children to walk or ride bikes to school. At this time Superintendent Reisig cannot support the Safe Route to Schools program because of the speed traffic on England Blvd and Flynn Lane. Lisa also encouraged us to continue our efforts to make Pleasant View Park a real playground/park.

4. Presentation by Kevin Slovarp, City Engineer. Mr. Slovarp made a similar presentation to the one he made at our March meeting. His presentation repeated the different ways to gather data about who is crossing England Blvd., and when. He had said at our March meeting that this would be done by June 21, 2016

He apologized for not keeping to schedule and explained that the data had not yet been gathered and therefore he did not have any solutions to present tonight and consequently he would not be able to get crosswalks, or any work in place before the start of school. He advised that he would have the data and proposed solutions ready for our General Meeting in September. He thinks it will probably be that some work may begin next April. He would not say how much a crosswalk costs. This makes the third time we have heard Mr. Slovarp talk about data gathering. He wants a vote on any suggestions he has when he presents his report at the September meeting. He did not go in to how he plans to design for desired change—in addition to managing and interpreting the collected data info.

We were informed that Mr. Slovarp had appeared before the HOA Board yesterday evening with approximately the same presentation. Steve stated that this was a last minute invitation that the board extended to Mr. Slovarp.

5. Small/large grant applications. During the public comment a member of the audience brought up the subject of another doggy station (mutt bags) to be installed in the park. Jane said this would be a good candidate for a small grant which are funded up to \$500. Anne said she would write the grant.

Anne brought up the subject of picnic benches and it seems that in order to have benches placed in City parks, it must be done through the Parks Department.

The subject of basketball courts came up again and Steve reported that the CIP proposal from Parks Dept. to the Pleasant View HOA has been tabled by the HOA board.

6. September General Meeting. A date was set for September 27. Venue to be chosen. We decided not to spend money on a full meal this year. Will probably just do snack tray and dessert.

7. Community Forum Report was given by Jane Kelly.

8. Office of Neighborhoods Report was given by Jane Kelly.

9. New Business.

10. Public Comment on non-agenda items. Speakers in the audience asked when we could expect to get a water feature in the park. Anne will ask the Park/Rec. Dept.

11. There were no announcements.

Submitted by: Anne Nelson