



## **Rose Park Neighborhood Council – Leadership Team Meeting Minutes**

Jun 22, 2016 (Wednesday) – 5:15 pm - Jack Reidy Room, Missoula City Council Chambers (140 W Pine)

Leadership Team Members in Attendance: Julie Devlin (RPNC LT), Margaret Mallino (RPNC LT), Bryce Rowe (RPNC LT), Michael Painter (RPNC LT)

Others Present: Gwen Jones (Missoula City Council, Ward 3 / RPNC), Jane Kelly (Office of Neighborhoods)

The meeting was called to order & those in attendance introduced themselves.

### **RPNC Leadership Team Minutes – Meeting of Apr.27.2016**

The minutes from the Rose Park LT Meeting of Apr. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016, were approved. (The May meeting of RPNC LT was cancelled.)

### **MCPS Facilities Bond Projects – Willard Rebuild**

Gwen Jones discussed the current proposal by the City of Missoula's Parks & Recreation Department to study partnering with Missoula International School in order to provide a community center of sorts at the site of MIS' new facility. The Missoula Senior Citizen's Center is also studying the possibility of leasing space at that site, as they are operating currently at a loss. Gwen indicated that while Parks & Rec has also historically made effort to partner with Missoula County Public Schools in development of a community center, the location & availability of space at current MCPS sites have not proven conducive to such a joint project. (The current Willard school building & site has been discussed, but the site may not be large enough for Parks & Rec's needs.)

Painter had e-mailed MCPS Superintendent Mark Thane asking for an update on the Willard Rebuild – Superintendent Thane indicated in a brief phone call that MCPS is in the process of forming a committee to evaluate the Alternative High School *program*, which will assist MCPS in finalizing plans for the new facility. Superintendent Thane indicated that at this time MCPS expects students attending Willard Alternative High School will do so in the current building during the 2016-2017 school year. Plans & design for the new building are not finalized, but at this time MCPS plans to build a new school at the current Willard site. Superintendent Thane also again committed to ensure that Rose Park Neighborhood Council is notified of any future discussions regarding the Willard project.

**Tree Committee / Urban Forest “Neighborhood Preference” Meeting** – Margaret & Julie reported on the “Neighborhood Preference” meeting (held June 21<sup>st</sup> @ City Life Community Center). While attendance was sparse, residents were asked to pick trees (from the list of appropriate / available trees provided by Parks & Recreation's Urban Forester) they would like to see used in their respective neighborhoods. A plan for maintenance & replacement of Missoula's urban forest trees is outlined in the Urban Forest Master Plan, though that work is also dependent on available funds. Trees removals far exceed current budgeted tree replacement dollars. Meeting the target of annual number of trees (1,000) to be planted as contained in the 30 year plan continues to widen. Keeping a healthy urban forest will entail additional funding.

**RPNC Meetings** – Painter asked that given the lack of a definitive time frame for specifics on the Willard Rebuild, RPNC LT delay scheduling a general meeting until the fall. (We have regularly held a general meeting in September, after school starts.) There was general consensus to meet again in July – that meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, in the Jack Reidy room, beginning at 5:15 p.m..

**Community Forum Report** – Painter reported on the May Community Forum meeting – presenters included:

- James Grunke, from the Missoula Economic Partnership, gave a presentation on MEP's work & business growth in Missoula.

- Ben Weiss, the City's Bicycle / Pedestrian Program Manager, gave a presentation on the City's Complete Streets policy.

**Office Of Neighborhoods Report** – Jane reported on several Office of Neighborhoods activities:

- Sunday Streets will be held July 13<sup>th</sup> – the Office of Neighborhoods will be staffing a table & Jane asked that anyone interested in assisting let her know.
- Stories & Stones will be held at the City Cemetery on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Again, the Office of Neighborhoods will staffing a table & is looking for assistance.
- Neighborhood Grant applications for this year's grants are due by October 25<sup>th</sup>. The Office of Neighborhoods will be holding a grant application workshop on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m..
- Bozeman's Neighborhood Association Coordinator (Jessica Johnson) is scheduled to present at this month's Community Forum meeting.
- Corena has returned from maternity leave – Jane is very happy to have her back.

**New Business**

Traffic Signal Box – Rose Park Neighborhood – Bryce expressed interest in submitting a design for the last unpainted traffic signal box in Rose Park & applying for a neighborhood grant to help cover costs of same. Jane discussed the process the Public Art Committee uses to select artwork & recommended that RPNC look at the several examples of previous grant applications for traffic signal boxes..

Bus Stop @ Missoula Aging Services – Margaret asked about the status of MAS's grant request to assist with an upgrade to the Mountain Line bus stop on Stephens. Jane indicated that the grant request had been approved, but the project is still in the planning stage.

Traffic Calming – Julie indicated she was interested in exploring some traffic calming at Cleveland & Crosby. Jane confirmed that Bike/Ped Coordinator Ben Weiss was the appropriate point of contact. Painter offered to assist Julie in completing the application & garnering support in her immediate neighborhood.

**Public Comment on Non-agenda Items** - None

**Next Leadership Team Meeting – Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 5:00 pm – Jack Reidy Room, Missoula City Council Chambers (140 W Pine)**

Pending decision by Leadership Team to meet.

Minutes submitted by Painter 07/21/16.