

Captain John Mullan Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Agenda

Date: July 18, 2017

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Jack Reidy Conference Room

140 W. Pine St.

Missoula, MT 59802

1. Introductions
2. 44 Ranch playground project
3. Public comment on non-agenda items
4. Appoint interim Leadership Team members
5. Announcements

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June 6, 2017

Jordan Hess and Ruth Ann Swaney
Ward 2 Council Member
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Dear Alderman Hess and Alderwoman Swaney,

As constituents of Ward 2, this letter is to express our utmost enthusiasm and support for a neighborhood playground structure to fill the sand pit that is currently vacant in the 44 Ranch Park. We would like to strongly encourage you and other City Council members to pass the playground for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Our neighborhood is rapidly growing, and an increasingly large number of young families are moving into the area. We do not have a playground within walking distance, as our closest playgrounds are at Hellgate Elementary and Pleasant View. Having a playground in our neighborhood park would help fulfill our active-minded community's goal of having a park within walking distance for every child.

We support the playground structure being built in our neighborhood park for a number of reasons, including:

- The playground would provide a safe, designated place so our children no longer migrate into the streets or our water features (pond, waterfall).
- The playground would give children opportunities for outdoor play and encourage youth to be active.
- The playground would increase large motor skills, strengthen physical abilities and stimulate brain development.
- The playground would foster an environment for social interactions among children, which could develop into friendships that would strengthen our community by bringing neighbors together.
- The playground is an investment, as it would increase park use by neighbors and those who rent the fields and gazebo.
- The playground would act as a meeting place for families to build camaraderie and cultivate a positive neighborhood dynamic encouraging family collaboration in raising our children.

Thank you very much for all you do for the Missoula community. We appreciate your time and consideration, and hope you will help ensure a neighborhood playground for our children. We hope that you will vote yes to the proposed playground structure and that the building can begin at the end of 2018/beginning of 2019 fiscal years.

Best,

Citizens of 44 Ranch Subdivision

Enclosure: Signatures