

# **University District Neighborhood Council Leadership Team**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Date: December 4, 2017**

**Time: 6:30 pm**

**Location: Lewis and Clark Village Community Room**

**3000 S Higgins**

**Missoula MT 59801**

**Members Present:** Peter Drakos, Katie Sullivan, Dave Chrismon, Jeff Birkby, Julie Stephenson

**Others Present:** Jordan Lyons, Director, UM Off-Campus Renter Center and Neighborhood Ambassadors; Naomi Alhadeff, Montana Education coordinator and Claire Grisham, Sustainability and Habitat Educator, National Wildlife Federation; Karen Gasvoda, Office of Neighborhoods.

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

\*Minutes from the following past meetings were approved: August 16, 2017; October 4, 2017; and October 24, 2017

### **2. Correspondence**

\*Bob Giordano had sent an email to the University District Leadership Team. The Missoula City Council is considering a recommendation on the reconfiguration of S 5th Street W and S 6th Street W (Russel to Higgins) to single-lane operation with auxiliary left and right-turn lanes at each of the signalized intersections. Buffered bike lanes would be configured as either a through bike lane on S 5th Street W or a shared bike/turn lane on S 6th Street W. The buffered bike lane will be located on the right side of the street and removes some parking on the approaches to the signalized intersections in order to fit a right turn lane on 5th street and a left turn lane on 6th street. This requested action is also known as Option 1C in the 5th and 6th Streets Function and Safety Analysis Memorandum completed by Alta Planning and Design on 10/28/2016.

\*The University District Leadership Team will request that Bob Giordano attend our next team meeting to discuss this proposal in more detail, and the impacts and role of the University District.

### **3. New Business**

\*No new business

### **4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

\*No public comment on non-agenda items

### **5. ASUM Ambassadors Update—Jordan Lyons, Director, UM Off-Campus Rental Center**

\*Ten students in the Ambassadors program this year.

\*Six “Sunday Sweeper” events were held in the University District. Over 90 students have helped clean up the University District after the home Griz football games.

\*Composted 160 gallons of pumpkins from the neighborhood after Halloween

\*Snow shovel rentals are available (six shovels total)

\*Two groups that can help in the University District with tasks: 1) Imagine Missoula. This is a nonprofit group that can help with snow shoveling for seniors. Available through Missoula Aging Services. 2) Interfaith Collaborative “Get it Done” project. They can do all sorts of little household tasks.

### **6. Wildlife Certification of University Traffic Circles**

\*Certifies back yards, communities, and traffic calming circles as being wildlife friendly. Must have food, water, cover, and places to raise young wildlife.

\*Claire Grisham, an AmeriCorps Intern, is working on community-wide certification of Missoula.

\*The NWF can also certify back yards and traffic calming circles. Traffic Circle adoptees can apply for Traffic Circle grant funds to cover the \$20 application fee. We have 44 traffic calming circles in Missoula.

## **8. Discussion of letter from Bob Giordano, MIST**

\*See #2 above

## **8. Speeding on Univ District Streets**

\*Excessive automobile speed on Maurice Avenue was raised. Katie will call city employees about placing a speed monitoring system on the street to assess the problem.

## **9. Community Forum Report**

\*Two presentations were given at the last Community Forum meeting. One presentation dealt with design excellence for downtown and commercial buildings. The second presentation discussed dementia-friendly community design

\*The Community Forum Christmas party will be held on December 21.

## **10. Office of Neighborhood Report**

\*ONVYA applications are due February 7, 2018.

## **11. Recap of October general meeting**

\*Overall the team members thought that the agenda, meeting length, and speaker presentations were quite good.

\*Perhaps have better signage within the building on where the meeting room is located.

\*Also perhaps include more information on parking options in the mailing.

## **12. Neighborhood Priorities**

\*The priorities discussion was tabled until our next meeting

## **13. Leadership Team Roles**

\*David Chrisman announced that he would like to step down as Chair of the Neighborhood Council Leadership Team.

## **14. Announcements**

\*No announcements

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm**