

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes

Date: March 21, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Sentinel High School Cafeteria 901 South Ave W – front door entrance Missoula, MT 59801

Present: Dave Westfall, Terry Connor, Colleen Biehl, Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, John DiBari, Ward 4 Councilman, Jesse Ramos, Ward 4 Councilman and 30 Lewis and Clark Residents

1. Dave Westfall welcomed all attendees and invited them to partake in the pizza provided and water provided.
2. Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, gave a history of Neighborhood Councils from the beginnings after the 1972 Montana Constitutional Convention and how they became a part of the City of Missoula.
3. Update on Bancroft Pond Park – A Steering Committee for Bancroft Ponds was established on February 7, 2018 as an action committee, guiding goals into accomplishment. Besides the Neighborhood and the City Parks and Rec Department, interested parties have been, Wildlife Federation and Clark Fork Coalition. One of the first action is to place signage in the park. Two naming signs “Bancroft Ponds” to be on corners of 34th/Bancroft and 34th/Stephens, City Park Welcoming and Regulations plaques will be placed at all three entrances with “give and take” dog bags dispensers at the Bancroft and Stephens entrances.
Small grants application: Colleen Biehl explained the Small Grant that the neighborhood applied for. The April Forum Meeting will vote on the application. Grant is for \$500.00 which will cover the signs. The 2 dog bag dispensers are \$50 which will come out of the neighborhood budget. The labor and construction will be handled by the Missoula Parks Departments with matching funds of \$850. The overall cost of the project is \$1,350.00.
4. Traffic Calming – Dave Westfall explained what Ben Weiss, Pedestrian & Bicycle Program Manager. had presented to the Leadership Team concerning the traffic calming in the neighborhood. The L & C Neighborhood traffic incidents from 2006-2016 included areas in the neighborhood that could possibly have traffic calming circles or other means to slow speeding of vehicles. No calming circles would be able to be used on the perimeter streets, South, SW Higgins or Stephens or Bancroft Avenues. In the ten years, only 24 personal injuries have occurred with only 2 inside the neighborhood with no fatalities. Between 14 calming circles have been identified. Estimated cost to the homeowners in the calming circle district would be about \$20.00 a year for a \$200,000 home. The estimated cost for a circle is \$9,000 - \$10,000. 500 residents need to reside in the designated calming district. Further work by the city needs to be completed including a count of pedestrians and vehicles in the designated area of the neighborhood.
5. Election of Leadership Team members: 3 residents of Lewis & Clark Neighborhood, Joh Wilkins, Andrew Coe and Kathleen Hanson were nominated. Colleen Biehl moved to accept the nominations with John Connors seconding. The assembly voted unanimously to accept the new neighborhood leadership team members. Jane Kelly will notify the new members when the next training will be for new leadership team members
6. Recycling in Lewis & Clark: Dave Westfall lead a discussion on recycling in the neighborhood. After a show of hands, those present were all recycling either through the Republic Services or taking their own materials to the recycling sites. A reminder that keeping our neighborhood picked up and as litter free as possible would help the youth and others to keep the areas around Sentinel High School and parks cleaned up.
7. Bancroft Ponds Steering Committee Recruitment – Dave Westfall invited the residents to join the exciting planning of the Bancroft Ponds through the Steering Committee. John Connors and Joh Wilkins will be joining the committee.
8. Q & A with City Council – John DiBari and Jesse Ramos answered questions pertaining to street maintenance particularly chuck holes and snow removal.
9. Announcements Neighborhood – No Announcements

10. Public comment on non-agenda items – Derek Goldman from MCAT passed out a flyer for public comment on the renewal of the cable franchise with Charter asking for people to participate in Focus Groups schedule for April 3 and 4. Check www.mcat.org/focus-groups for more information.

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