

Heart of Missoula Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes

Date: July 31, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Kiwanis Park

1. Welcome and Food
2. Distribution of Resource Sheet
3. Neighborhood Watch – Tony Rollin, chair of the MNW Board.
 - Encouraging more representation from neighborhoods (including HOM), recruiting “block captains.” Next meeting is Sept 18. 7:30 at Jack Ready Conference room – all are welcome. They focus on “observe and report.” As opposed to engaging.
4. Parking in the Heart of Missoula and possible parking options for the future – Rod Austin, Missoula Parking Commission, Director
 - Discussed improvements, need for more lease spaces for employees – demand is growing - (and better education about when and how those spaces are available)
 - Brief discussion of the residential parking program in U District, this was discussed as a possibility in HOM, but it is very litigious and wouldn't be easy.
 - For those with additional concerns, anyone is welcome at the Parking Commission meetings. Also staying involved in the Master Plan development is a good way to have a say.
5. Russell Street and Van Buren project –Shane Stack, MDT Missoula Project Engineer
 - Shane made brochures and other informational material available (with hotlines, websites, and opportunities of text updates). Discussed current status of Van Buren and Russell St projects.
 - There are meetings every Tuesday at the Salvation Army at 1:30. Anyone is welcome.
6. Downtown projects and programs – Linda McCarthy, Missoula Downtown Partnership, Executive Director
 - Discussion of HOM projects and their status. Merc, Library, ROAM, Higgins Bridge re-decking, out to lunch, ADA projects that are making street corners and sidewalks compliant, investment mill for transportation housing and commercial.
 - Missoula is working on the next iteration of the Downtown Master Plan and participation is highly encouraged. It is a 25 year vision addressing parking, housing, employment and infrastructure. They will launch the discussion in September.
 - MDA has launched Historic Preservation Tours that are very popular.
 - River City Roots Fest is the last weekend in August. They are always looking for volunteers – you can sign up online.
 - BID renewal is coming up. Many in HOM live within BID boundaries. This program offers clean, safe, economic opportunities. It pays for garbage collection, clean-up crew, downtown ambassador, recycling, dedicated police officer

(Randy Krastel), school resources officers etc. It is renewed by signed petitions for a 10 year period. It is signed by residents, owners, and consumers.

7. Union Gospel Mission of Missoula – Don Evans, UGM Executive Director (and other staff members)
 - The thrift boutique building will be demolished in November
 - Services include the Hope Day Center on Toole – they are working with stakeholders to build capacity and not duplicate services (collaborating with The Pov)
 - They also have a women and children center that deals with addiction (on Mullan)
 - Looking to set up flagship housing to get people into homes.
 - 549-HOPE is a help line. Their goal is to be a first step in helping people find resources to help them in many different situations, particularly transient populations.
8. Q & A with City Council – Heidi West and Bryan von Lossberg
9. Traffic signal box – Maurisa Phillips, HOM leadership team
10. Election of Leadership Team members – Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator
 - Anna Moura was approved for a 2 year term.
11. Neighborhood Priorities– Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator
 - Attendees were invited to choose their top three priorities in the neighborhood to help guide the leadership team.

Heart of Missoula Top Priorities

Historic preservation

Tie—Transient activity

Tie—Impact of development

Tie—Safe Driving/Traffic

Recycling

Tie—Parking

Tie—Keeping alleys clean

Tie—Parking

Tie—Urban Forest

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12. Lots of requests were made for recycling. Note for next year!

13. Adjournment

Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator

Karen Gasvoda, Neighborhood Assistant

Ethan Smith, Missoula Police Department

Rod Austin, Missoula Parking Commission

Katie Kliez, Big Sky Public Relations

Shane Stack, MT Department of Transportation

Linda McCarthy, Missoula Downtown Partnership

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