

# University Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

**Date:** December 3, 2018

**Time:** 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

**Location:** Lewis and Clark Village Community Room, 3000 S. Higgins Ave., Missoula

**Members Present:** Julie Stephenson, Bryce Rowe, Jennifer Copley, Jeff Birkby, Peter Drakos, Tony LaPlante.

Others Present: Karen Gasvoda (Office of Neighborhoods), Erin Pehan, City of Missoula, Erika Byrne, Anna Potter (student ambassadors), Jordan Lyons, Director, UM Off-Campus Renter Center and Neighborhood Ambassadors.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting minutes were reviewed from the November 5, 2018 leadership team meeting were reviewed. A motion was seconded and approved unanimously to accept the minutes

## UPDATE ON MISSOULA HOUSING POLICY

Erin Pehan, Missoula Department of Housing and Community Development

Erin discussed the new draft housing policy for the city of Missoula. The Missoula City Council will vote on approving this new policy in the spring of 2019. Public input on the draft is being solicited in late winter. The vision of the housing policy is that homes build strong communities. Safe and healthy homes support individual and community health and are the foundation of childhood educational success. A diversity of home types and affordability in Missoula helps develop a robust and thriving local economy.

The housing policy contains recommendations in six broad strategy areas:

1. Regulation and Codes
  2. Preserving and Creating True Affordable Housing
  3. Innovation and Capacity Building
  4. Public Education and Outreach
  5. Funding and Revenue
  6. Inclusionary Zoning and Target Populations
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The draft housing policy is available for review on the city of Missoula website.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

\*We have received a letter concerning the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue single lane decisions. Stephanie replied to the letter writer with a link to the article in the *Missoula Current* that summarizes the issue and the decision by the Missoula city council.

\*We also received an email from Katie Sullivan, former leadership team member, who has been elected to serve as a Representative in the Montana Legislature this coming session. Katie is resigning her position on our leadership team to take on her legislative duties. Bryce Rowe will fill her seat on the leadership team (Bryce was chosen as an alternate for the leadership team during our general meeting this past fall.)

## **BUDGET REVIEW**

\*The Univ District Leadership team has spent about 65% of our annual budget so far (the budget year runs through June of 2019). We have enough funds to hold a general meeting in the spring of 2019 (perhaps in April). The largest expenditures are the mass mailing and the pizza and drinks for the meeting.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD AMBASSADORS**

Jordan reported on activities of the neighborhood ambassadors.

\*Holiday bags will be awarded to the favorite decorated home during the Christmas seasons in the Univ District. The decorating contest will be featured on Facebook.

\*The Ambassadors will once again have a snow shovel rent program from December to March.

\*The Ambassadors are still developing questions and survey design for the student/neighborhood survey that will happen in 2019.

\*The Ambassadors are thinking of a possible spring party in Bonner Park.

## **COMMUNITY FORUM REPORT**

Jennifer Copley attended this November 15 meeting of the community forum, which was also attended by representatives of the other 17 Neighborhood Councils.

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At the Community Forum meeting Jane Kelly discussed the Local Government Citizens' Academy, which will be held every Tuesday in Jan/Feb/March. Over 80 applications have been received so far, with 40 slots to fill. December 28<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to apply

A December 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party will be held in the council chambers, starting a 7pm. All neighborhood council members are invited to participate. The meeting will be preceded by a brief Neighborhood Council meeting.

**Office of Neighborhoods—Karen G.**

\*Reiterated the information about the Local Government Citizens' Academy

\*The Office of Neighborhoods website has been redesigned (along with all of the other City of Missoula websites).

There was a discussion on who on the Leadership Team would attend the monthly General Council meetings (held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month). Jennifer and Bryce would be the primary attendees, with Tony as an alternate (although all leadership team member are welcome to attend). In addition, there are general city council meetings twice a year that need representation from our Leadership Team. We will decide who attends these as they approach.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:30 pm.

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