Riverfront Neighborhood Council Stadium Task Force and Leadership Team Minutes July 8, 2019

A Joint Meeting of the Stadium Task Force and the Riverfront Leadership Team was held on July 8, 2019, at the Dog & Bicycle Café, 875 Wyoming Street. Stadium Task Force members present were Jon Van Dyke, Dale McCormick, Jennifer Anthony, and Sherry McLauchlan. Riverfront Leadership Team members present were Ed Nolder, Christine Littig, Jim Whitney, and Will McLauchlan. Members of the public present were Ed Wetherbee, Jeri Whitney, Eva Hawes-Davis, Chester Seitz, and Nick Checota. Jane Kelly, City of Missoula Neighborhood Coordinator, and Ben Weiss, Missoula Bike Pedestrian Program Manager also attended.

Chairman Jon Van Dyke called the Task Force meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Checota to present the plans for parking and security for the Logjam concert on August 11th that were previously presented to a consortium of City officials and affected parties, including Jon. To create a safe environment, facilitate clean-up, and address other concerns. Logjam requested a special permit from the City to close Wyoming Street between California and Hickory from midnight the Saturday before the concert until midnight on Sunday after it ends and that permit has been granted. Access will be permitted to residents, employees of businesses in the area, and Currents (there are no events in the park that day) and anyone needing handicapped parking. Signage announcing the closure will be posted on Orange and Russell and other strategic spots. Police officers hired by Logjam assisted by Logjam staff will control access points. All ticket holders will be notified of the closure by email and will also be advised that all City owned parking facilities will be open for the event. No event bussing will be provided. Wyoming is already closed for construction from Russell to California and will still be closed in August. Other specific problems areas were discussed. A special phone number for the weekend to contact Dan Torti/Logjam will be arranged.

Concerning an amendment to the Logjam Agreement with the City, Jennifer Anthony moved and Dale McCormick seconded that a letter requesting an amendment to the Logjam Agreement adding the language approved by the City Council on August 6th limiting the number of events to 8 be forwarded to the Riverfront Leadership Team for approval. The motion was approved, and Jon will ask Don Schriefer to draft the letter for consideration at their next meeting.

Loud music from the baseball stadium was reported as part of the opening day events in the afternoon on Saturday June 22th. Although this may not have violated any agreements or ordinances, Jon will contact the Osprey management to express neighborhood concerns as part of the Task Force's role to bring problems to the attention of management.

The minutes of the May 6th meeting were approved, and the Task Force meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.