

Lewis & Clark Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual Zoom

Present: Terry Conner, John Conner, Colleen Biehl, Randy Biehl, Jerry Dirnberger, James Walter, Kathleen Hanson, Kelly Elam, Missoula Neighborhoods

Terry Conner moderated the meeting.

1. A forum was established.
2. The August 4, 2021, Leadership Team Minutes were approved as posted.
3. Ben Weiss, Senior Transportation Planner was not to attend, but sent an email with the following information: I was able to get Jeff his data (though only today). And the proposal I shared at the August meeting was approved by the City Engineer and Public Works director. I am now working to share the plan with the concerned neighbors, leadership team members, and council before what we anticipate being the first week of October installation. We are still working on Jeff's request for speed limit reductions and additional crossings on South and Bancroft. These items are part of the School Zone policy we are developing to help make these areas look more uniform and predictable and help guide staff we as get these requests. I'm hopeful we will see most of these requests fulfilled this fall. Unfortunately, I am unable to make the meeting this evening. Thanks,
4. Joint Traffic Safety Committee Plan of Action – James Walter talked about the planters he has made for the calming circle on Dearborn and Park. He has a contract with the City to make the planters for neighborhood with the new soft calming circles. Some neighborhoods paint the interior section. James is on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board for 3 years and now has added the City Art Committee to his schedule. James is very interested in the ecology of Missoula and has been involved with the Greenways & pedestrian friendly streets. James is on the Lewis and Clark Traffic Safety Committee.
5. Bancroft Ponds Outdoor Classroom update – John reported that he had received the Neighborhood Improvement Project Quarterly Progress Report from Kelly today. This is the quarterly reporting on the progress of the Outdoor Classroom on construction progress and financial expenditures of the grant money received. The project was reviewed at Construction Site with Jeff Gicklhorn and Nathan McLeod along with Randy and Colleen Biehl and John and Terry Conner. As per last email on 8/31 from Jeff Gicklhorn
A few changes to proposed grant:
 - *No gravel pad needed as area is natural so no requirement as per Morgan Valiant. The classroom will be accessible for handicapped individual, but not ADA.
 - *Discussed how Park and Rec was to be paid, John will inform Missoula Neighborhoods OK to pay per line item as materials are delivered to site.
 - *Schedule: Late Fall/ Spring 2022 classroom in place, Jeff will update on stone cost and delivery lead time in September.
 - *Land scaping: Molly Dillingham, greenhouse manager/gardener to assist in the landscaping in the spring especially for Ponderosa pines and use native plants.
 - *Volunteers will be limited to school outreach and possibly some landscaping tasks, due to concerns with untrained people to account for around construction activities

6. Newsletter update – Colleen said the newsletter cost is about \$800. There was discussion on the cost and if people read the letter. There is no way to obtain the 1300 plus households. It is agreed that it is a major expense, but we need to let the neighborhood know what we are doing. Consensus is to proceed. Kathleen Hanson will use the template we have to format the letter. Colleen Biehl contribute Bancroft Ponds information and Terry Conner will contribute the Traffic Safety information.

Colleen asked the team to think of other priorities for our neighborhood. There may be a need for work on the smaller green parks, perhaps a community garden or more calming circles. Find out what you can out from your neighbors. Send inspirations to any of the ladies or to our general LC email. They will meet on Thursday to begin the process.

8. Community Forum Report – No Community Forum report.

9. Missoula Neighborhood Report - Kelly Elam said no Community Forum was held, due to presenters unable to attend. She informed us that the Website is being updated besides the bylaws for the neighborhoods. Kelly told the team that she shows no money for the \$6,000 Interpretive Signs Project. John is sure he has the signed contract in his files. He and Colleen will work with Kelly to check any other discrepancies there may be.

10. No public comments

11. Announcements: Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 5:30, assume it will be a zoom meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Biehl