

Grant Creek/North Reserve NC Leadership Team Minutes

March 10, 2022

4 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attending: Lee Clemmensen, Bert Lindler, Ron Larsen, Kim Birck, Wendell Beardsley, and Kevin Davis (members of the leadership team); Jane Pierce, RT Cox (neighborhood residents); Kelly Elam and Kalina Wickham (Missoula Neighborhoods)

Introduction: Kalina Wickham, the newly hired Neighborhoods Specialist, introduced herself to the members of the leadership team and neighborhood.

Approval of Minutes: Bert Lindler failed to resend the corrected minutes of the last leadership team meeting (April 8, 2021) for review, so he deferred the vote for their approval. He will ask for an electronic approval vote after resending the April 8, 2021 minutes.

Updates:

- Bluebird Preserve Management Plan—The City hopes to have the trailhead and trails ready for public use during the next year or so, possibly by this fall. Public comment period to end March 11.
- Clark Fork Coalition Study of Grant Creek (<https://clarkfork.org/learn/annual-report-publications/> Click Grant Creek Riparian Assessment 2021 under Hot off the Press) —Grant Creek was studied from its upper reaches to the Clark Fork. The upper and middle reaches of the creek are in okay condition. Grant Creek is pretty badly degraded from Broadway to the Clark Fork. An ongoing effort is underway to restore Grant Creek so it has some of its natural values and, ideally, so the spawning reaches in Grant Creek are connected to the Clark Fork.
- Neighborhood Cleanups April 23—Bert will provide Kalina contact information for the Canyon Creek and Windsor Park neighborhoods, which may want to participate in the city's neighborhood cleanups. Traditionally, students from the Sussex School have cleaned up the roadsides in Grant Creek for Earth Day. Homeowners have donated to the school.

- Grant Creek Trail Interpretive Signs, Benches—The Grant Creek Trails Association has produced two interpretive signs in cooperation with the Confederated Kootenai and Salish Tribes' Culture Committee. The signs should be installed along the Grant Creek Trail this spring. In addition, two benches are being carved from larch slabs for two new benches that will be installed along the trail.
- North Reserve Traffic Signal Box Beautification—Two signal boxes that had been wrapped in vinyl were rewrapped last summer using funds from the Grant Creek/North Reserve Neighborhood Council's unspent 2021 budget. Three other signal boxes were to be rebeautified using a \$4,500 Neighborhood Project grant. The signal boxes have not yet been rebeautified because the Covid prevented the Public Arts Committee from meeting in person to hold an art call and evaluate submittals. The Public Arts Committee hopes to have an art call and get these signal boxes rebeautified this summer.

Rezoning Request 2920 Expo Parkway: On Sept. 14, 2020, the Missoula City Council denied a rezoning request that would have allowed four-story apartments (RM1-45) for two parcels at 2920 Expo Parkway. Developer Ken Ault has submitted another request to rezone these two parcels for four-story apartments (RM1-45). This time, the request includes a development agreement limiting both parcels to no more than 700 dwelling units (including single-story multi-dwelling structures in addition to the apartment buildings). The Planning Board is scheduled to review the request April 19.

Office of Neighborhoods Report:

General Meeting Grant Creek/North Reserve Neighborhood Council: The leadership team decided to tentatively schedule a virtual general meeting at 7 p.m. April 12, inviting Ken Ault to discuss his rezoning request; Development Services to discuss the present zoning at 2920 Expo Parkway, the proposed rezoning, and the meaning of development agreements associated with rezoning for particular parcels; and the Friends of Grant Creek to discuss its position on the proposed rezoning.

Public comment on non-agenda items: There were no comments on nonagenda items.

Announcements: There were no announcements.

Recording of the Zoom Meeting:

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