

University Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Minutes

June 7, 2022

6:30 PM

Bonner Park

1. Introductions and Roll Call

Chairperson Darcy Caron called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Present were Kalina Wickham, Specialist Missoula Neighborhoods; Allison Wilson, Neighborhood Ambassador; Brad Cederberg; Rick Caron; Liza Nicholas

2. Approve Minutes for April 5 and May 3, 2022

Brad moved and Rick seconded the motion and members voted to approve the previous minutes.

3. Program Presentation

UM Campus Updates: Paula Short, Associate Vice President Campus Operations shared updates on several topics.

- a. The Montana Museum of Art and Culture is currently under construction. Paula indicated 200 of the 400 parking spaces are currently unavailable; however, once completed 140 spaces are expected to be back and the remainder will be absorbed with new additional parking. Companion to construction of the MMAC, work will begin on extending Memorial Row, creating a bike/pedestrian-friendly corridor to the footbridge near Jacob's Island. The entrance to campus on 6th street for vehicles will be re-engineered, along with parking lot P, to include bus drop-offs, crosswalks and increased ADA parking and accessibility for the Adams Center.
- b. The construction of the domed indoor practice facility has been delayed until early 2023. It should be noted that the facility will host intra-murals, local youth sports programs, and Griz athletics. Ms. Short indicated that Operation and Maintenance yearly costs was figured in the budget prior to regent approval.
- c. Other projects on campus include remodeling Knowles Hall to include new learning spaces and dining facility. The music hall remodel includes remodeling of the band and choir rehearsal spaces and individual practice spaces.
- d. A parking director is being hired by UM. There are currently several options for improving campus parking including incentivizing park and ride and expanding some of the lots.

4. Parking Commission Update

University Neighborhood Parking Concerns: Ian Ortlieb from the Missoula Parking Commission and Gwen Jones, Ward 3 City Councilor, heard concerns from many neighbors regarding the proposed changes or elimination of the Residential Parking Permit Program. Ian indicated that the commissions is currently exploring the idea of conducting a study. Ms. Jones shared her

concerns for a lack of student parking as well as ideas for potentially adding parking in the university neighborhood.

5. Neighborhood Funds

There is currently \$1433.23 in our neighborhood funds. After a brief discussion it was decided to purchase two pickleball nets for Bonner Park. Kalina will contact Parks and Rec for ordering information. We will also purchase some gift cards for pizza and supplies that we can use for our next general meeting. These funds need to be spent by June 30. Additional funds will be allocated in July.

6. Community Forum Report

Kalina indicated there was presentation by Elizabeth Johnson, the City's Historic Preservation Officer. Since the University neighborhood has several historic homes, we will invite Elizabeth to our September meeting.

7. Missoula Neighborhoods Report

Kalina Wickham indicated her office is currently focused on finalizing neighborhood grant contracts. Darcy will make the revisions, sign the contract, and deliver the UDLT grant to the neighborhood's office prior to the deadline.

8. Public comment on non-agenda items

None

9. Announcements

None

10. Next Meeting on Tuesday, September 6th

The location will be determined. Agenda topics include a general meeting in October and election of officers.