

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council Leadership Team  
Meeting Minutes for September 8th, 2010

Present at the meeting were: John DiBari, President; Greg Gullickson, Forum Rep.; Pat McCormick, Forum Alternate; Ed Higgins, Leadership Team Member; and Dan Gillman, Leadership Team Member. Anne Blanch Adams from the Lewis and Clark Playground Fund attended as a presenter.

Note: Any item where an individual is responsible for doing something is highlighted along with the individual's name.

- John Newman e-mailed to say that he was unable to serve as Secretary of the Neighborhood Council and resigned his position. John DiBari asked if Dan Gilman or Ed Higgins would volunteer to carry out the duties of the Secretary at least until an election could be held to fill the vacancy. **Ed Higgins volunteered to act as Secretary.**
- Ann Blanche Adams asked the Leadership Team to sponsor the Lewis and Clark Playground Fund's neighborhood grant application for trees to be used in the landscaping of the new playground at Lewis and Clark School. John DiBari pointed out that the Leadership team had voted at the September 1, meeting to support the application. After some discussion all of the members present signed the letter supporting the grant application. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes. Ann Blanche Adams will e-mail a copy of the completed proposal to the leadership team.
- John DiBari asked the leadership team to sign off on the signal box grant application support that was approved at the September 1, 2010 meeting. John also pointed out that we need a liaison for that grant. Ed suggested that we contact the traveling art teacher that services Lewis and Clark and Russel Elementary Schools and see if she would be interested in being the liaison so that the children at the schools could be involved in selecting the art to go on the signal box. **Dan Gillman offered that the traveling art teacher is Janet Potts and volunteered to approach her about being the liaison.** **John** reminded the group that Erin Scott had mentioned a volunteer coordination website and said that he would **e-mail Erin about finding a liaison that way.**
- John suggested that the neighborhood council hold quarterly meetings. After some discussion, the leadership team decided to hold neighborhood council meetings on the first Wednesday of August, October and March going forward. However it was decided at the September 1, 2010 meeting to hold a neighborhood council meeting October 13th, 2010 from 7 to 9 at Lewis and Clark School. Dan Gilman noted that he had already scheduled the meeting and

arranged for payment for the room rental. John informed the group that Ed had proposed after the September 1, 2010 meeting that the full council meetings alternate between the two schools in the neighborhood. Ed suggested that the leadership team meet a month before each full Council meeting and once in between the March and August full council meetings. The Full council meetings for the coming year are set for:

- October 13th, 2010 at Lewis and Clark School
- March 2nd, 2011 at Russell School
- August 3rd, 2011 at either Lewis and Clark School or an outdoor location
- October 5th, 2011 at Russell School
- Discussion was had on what topics to discuss at the upcoming meetings. Greg proposed that each meeting include some time devoted to a question and answer session with our City Council Representatives. The leadership team agreed that this was important. Topics for the up coming meetings include:
  - October 13th, 2010
    - The city wide special improvement districts - Bruce Bender to be invited to present.
    - Ballot issues and candidates - Ellie Hill to be invited to speak
    - Update from the Western Montana Fair - Steve Earle to be invited to speak
  - March 2nd, 2011 at Russell School
    - Update on the City Budget and Neighborhood Council Budget
    - Update from Pubic Works Department or others doing construction that impacts the neighborhood
  - August 3rd, 2011 at either Lewis and Clark School or an outdoor location
    - Grant proposals for the next grant cycle
    - Update on the Lewis and Clark Playground
  - October 5th, 2011 at Russell School
    - Candidates and ballot issues
  - Other issues that were not assigned a specific meeting include: Student renters, traffic, crime / personal safety, dogs, South Campus Development.
- Neighborhood Newsletter. Dennis Druffle has a template. **Pat will call Dennis to get the template. Pat will do newsletter and make some effort to raise money for the mailings by selling some advertising in the newsletter.** For the August 3rd, 2011 meeting we will try announcing the meeting with a post card listing the agenda and the website for an electronic newsletter. The next newsletter will have information about the two grant proposals, signal box and playground trees as well as an item on the playground fundraising progress.

- Monthly e-mail update - Greg / Pat will provide the leadership team with a monthly update via e-mail on the community forum meetings.
- Sandwich board signs. John will contact Dennis to get the signs. Ed suggested that one of the signs be placed near the intersection of Russell and MacDonald to inform residents on that side of the neighborhood.