

River Road Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, August, 2011 at 7:00 AM
Missoula Plans Exchange

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
 - Jeremy Flesch, Chairperson
 - Dax Kuehn, Vice Chairperson
 - Andrea Kuehn, Special Projects
 - Chance Eaton, Secretary
 - Jesse Neidigh, Community Forum Representative
 - Melissa Steinike, Treasurer
 - Not Present: Robin Spaziani, Communications
3. Street signs
 - Discussion on the new street sign abbreviations, as it was brought up at the last community forum. Currently, when signs are replaced, the streets signs will use abbreviations, and this is causing concern for navigation ease. There were concerns expressed that abbreviated names make it difficult to know if you are on the correct street or not. Also, concerns over the color of street signs. Does a green sign mean one thing such as a City Street and a blue sign means another thing such as a private street? Does one color mean it is a through street and another color means it is a dead end? All of these are questions or ideas that may arise in a drivers mind – especially a visitor to Missoula.
4. Grizzly Place Townhomes Association
 - Last River Road Leadership Team meeting voted unanimously in favor for the Skyla court small grant application.
 - Jesse reported that it was approved in the last community forum.
5. Milwaukee Trail Connection Update
 - Jeremy and Dax walked the Milwaukee Trail with Dave Shaw from Parks and Recreation to visit about trail issues and updates. Multiple issues that came up in the conversation are as follows:
 - i. Asphalt conditions – the mix was dryer than should have been and is beginning to crack in places. The conditions appear to affect one third to one half of the trail. This issue is being taken up by Parks and Recreation and trail contractor currently.
 - ii. Fence posts in multiple locations – the engineering firm provided incorrect specs as well as made post location errors.
 - iii. Unpaved section of trail – there are foundation issues and settling concern from irrigation ditch on a section of the trail close to Davis.

- iv. Trail street trail markings – on Trail street, cars are parking in areas that are allocated for the pedestrian and bike traffic
- 6. Milwaukee Trail Grand Opening combining with Sunday Streets
 - Over past few weeks, Leadership Team has been visiting about the idea of combining the Celebration with Sunday Streets. This idea was presented by the Sunday Streets leadership. Discussion included both positive and negative aspects to doing so, with most of the leadership team conversation favoring a separate function. Discussion included:
 - i. Issues about the date being too soon, as the trail still has too many issues
 - ii. Desire to create a separate celebration to focus the attention on the achievement
 - Motion by Andrea and second by Jesse to *not* combine the Milwaukee Trail Grand Opening with Sunday streets on September 11th
 - **Vote: Unanimous to *not* combine the Milwaukee Trail Grand Opening with Sunday streets on September 11th**
 - For:
 - Jeremy Flesch
 - Dax Kuehn
 - Andrea Kuehn
 - Chance Eaton
 - Jesse Neidigh
 - Melissa Steinike
 - Against: none
 - Action item: Jeremy will contact the Sunday Streets team and inform them of the desire to not combine the Grand Opening with Sunday Streets.
- 7. Grand Opening Date
 - Since there are still several major issues with the trail, and the previous date of September 7th may be too soon. Discussion around later dates, including later in the fall as well as next year.
 - Motion by jess and second by Andrea to move the Grand Opening date from September 7th to the first week of October, date to be decided.
 - **Vote: Unanimous vote to move the Grand Opening date from September 7th to the first week of October, date to be decided.**
 - i. For:
 - Jeremy Flesch
 - Dax Kuehn
 - Andrea Kuehn
 - Chance Eaton
 - Jesse Neidigh
 - Melissa Steinike
 - ii. Against: none

8. Milwaukee Trail Celebration Other

- Missoula in Motion said they would be willing to be involved and contribute with marketing and preparation.

9. Poverello Process

- The Poverello Center is looking to move to a new location in Missoula, and Amie Thurber of NCBI, is holding community sessions to get feedback from the community. The feedback will help the Poverello Center select a site that best matches the needs of their clients and the community of Missoula. The River Road neighborhood falls into the proposed area. Ms. Thurber has asked if the Leadership Team would like to attend a forum on the following date and time:
 - i. Thursday, August 4, 6:00 – 7:30 PM at NCBI office (1280 S. 3rd St. We. Ste. B)
- There will be another meeting for the community at large to be held on the following date and time:
 - i. Wednesday, August 10th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at St. Patrick Hospital Conference Room 2 & 3.

10. River Road Logo

- Jesse prepared several logos for the River Road community, to be used on new sandwich boards and other material.
- The Leadership team discussed the design and selected several that they liked.
- Jesse will continue to work out further design to provide more alternatives to choose from.
- The team felt it would be good to have the River Road community vote on their favorite design at the next Neighborhood Meeting.

11. Sidewalk Committee

- An update was given by Dax. He learned that River Road community may be eligible.
- Streets that fell into the eligibility, based on low to moderate household income included:
 - i. East side of Curtis Street
 - ii. Entire length of River Road
- Discussion on where to focus sidewalk efforts. The team felt that River Road may be the best to focus on for CBDG funding for sidewalks due it being a major through street, and its current lack of sidewalks.
- Applications for the CBDG funding are due on October 24th

12. New Business

13. Next leadership team meeting

- September 7th, 2011 at 7:00 AM – Missoula Plans Exchange