

River Road Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, June 1st, 2011 at 7:00 AM
Missoula Plans Exchange

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
 - Jeremy Flesch, Chairperson
 - Dax Kuehn, Vice Chairperson
 - Chance Eaton, Secretary
 - Jesse Neidigh, Community Forum Representative
 - Melissa Steinike, Treasurer
 - Not present: Robin Spaziani, Communications & Andrea Kuehn, Special Projects
3. Guests & Speakers
 - Dave Shaw – Missoula Parks and Recreation
 - Jane Kelly – Office of Neighborhoods
4. Milwaukee Trail – Crossings at Curtis and Davis – Dave Shaw, Missoula Parks and Recreation
 - Missoula Parks and Recreation is recommending to the Conservation Committee, a City Council Committee, to remove the table-top crossing at Curtis, and installing a median, signs and street markings. They will also be recommending installing a median, signs and street markings at Davis. In addition to the median, the crossing will have painted crosswalks, signage and road markings prior to the crossing
 - In addition, they will be implementing the “recommended items” of Curtis and Grant landscaping, Rotary wayside, and striping at Justus Lane.
 - The decision to remove the table top crossing is based off research indicating that consecutive table tops are effective, but in this case, there is only a single table top crossing. In addition, based off the anecdotal effectiveness of the Catlin crossing, a single table top is not considered effective enough for slowing traffic prior to the crossing.
 - There was an earlier discussion about using colored concrete at the crossings giving it a differentiated look. WGM said that over a short period of time, the concrete will become black from normal traffic, losing its color differentiation, and therefore not effective. Therefore, it was recommended that colored concrete not be used.
 - Another change to the original Curtis crossing is to include a bike lane on the southbound side of the crossing.
 - Concerns regarding the bike path + crossing design:
 - i. ...concerns about the priority for street markings and paint throughout Missoula, as many crosswalks in Missoula don't get re-painted for long periods of time, and perhaps the use for higher quality paint or different technologies to ensure safety of the crossing markings...

- ii. ...concern for the delineation between Curtis and the bike lane, as there is no separation, and from a vehicle's perspective, the south bound portion of the crossing looks wider, when in fact it is bike path...need for some type of delineation...

5. Milwaukee Trail Connection

- Update by Dave Shaw, Missoula Parks and Recreation. Project is mostly on track, as the base material is down throughout most of trail, and rain is disrupting asphalt work. As an aside, the base material is recycled concrete material. Dave pointed out the benefits of using the recycled concrete because it decreases pressure from gravel mining and able to reuse past concrete inventory
- Celebration Ideas. Short discussion on dates, possible mid July
- Trail Education & Enforcement. Short discussion on the anticipated issue of dog leash law, and who to contact.

6. Treasurer's Report

7. Sidewalk Committee – Dax

- Update by Dax on plan to meet week of June 20th prior to a CBDG meeting which is held the same week, June 23rd

8. MUD Letter of Support – Jesse

- Last month, Anne Little, Board VP of Missoula Urban Demonstration (MUD) Project asked the River Road Leadership team if they would write a letter of support for CDBG grant through the OPG to help fund the project. MUD is currently working on “the Missoula Tool Library and Truck Share Relocation and Expansion Project”. The aim is to be more central and increase hours of service to better serve the community of Missoula. They are currently negotiating for a space west of Home Resource on Wyoming.
- Jesse visited with MUD about what the plan would look like, how the shipping containers would be used, and basic aesthetics of the proposed plan. Jesse also visited with Home Resources management about the plans, concerns, and ideas. Jesse submitted a letter of approval for the project in support for CDBG funding.

9. Anniversary of Neighborhoods in Missoula – Jane Kelly Office of Neighborhood

- “First Friday” in Missoula – from 5 PM-8 PM there will be an exhibit at the Missoula Art Museum. There will be pictures contributed from each Missoula Neighborhood systems.
- Sunday June 5th will be the 2nd “Sunday Streets” held on Higgins Street. At 12:00 pm, at the far north end of Higgins, a 15 year celebration of Missoula Neighborhood Council System will be held.

10. National Night Out Event – Jane Kelly Office of Neighborhood

- Announcement for August 2nd from 12pm—5 pm at Target, with the theme of “Strengthening Neighborhoods”.

11. New Business

12. Next Meeting

- River road Newsletter
- Walking tour of the River Road Neighborhood – Robin
- Sandwich Boards – Jeremy & Jesse
- Next meeting – July 6th, 2011 at 7:00 AM – Missoula Plans & Exchange