

Unapproved River Road Neighborhood Council Meeting

Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 6:00 PM
Lifelong Learning Center – 310 South Curtis

1. Call to Order & Introduction
 - Jeremy asked those present to go around the room and introduce themselves and mention how they found out about the meeting:
 - There were 31 adults present as of 6:15 pm.
 - They found out about the meeting from the following methods:
 1. Postcard in the mail
 2. Sandwich boards on major streets
 3. RR neighborhood Email or RR website
2. Milwaukee Train Connection – Dave Shaw of Missoula Parks and Recreation
 - History of the original Milwaukee rail line
 - Presentation titled “Extending the Milwaukee Trail: Russell Street to Reserve Street – River Road Segment”
 - Handout on “working” project schedule
 - Discussion and comments from public (*general discussion and comments captured*):
 - ...concern about width at Curtis crossing...
 - ...parking along certain segments of trail...
 - ...lighting for trail...
 - Handout on Plans and Construction timeframe
 - ...estimated to be done by July 4th if there are no significant disruptions...
 - Contacts for trail construction – CJ Beardsley (construction related) of LS Jensen Construction & Ready Mix @ 532.4809 and Dave Shaw 552.6264
 - To learn more about the project updates, route map, preliminary plans, design standards for safety and security, visit:
<http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/index.aspx?NID=183>
 - Please stay off the trail route. It is an active construction site. It is impossible to fence off the entire 1 mile section of trail, but LS Jensen will do what is possible to keep people out. Please stay off the trail route until the work is complete in Summer 2011.
3. Elections of Positions Currently Unfilled – Effective immediately through Fall Neighborhood Meeting
 - Secretary
 - Nomination for Chance Eaton
 - Treasurer – nominations from floor
 - Nomination for Melissa Steinike
 - Community Forum Representative – nominations from the floor
 - Nomination for Jesse Neidigh

- Motion: by Jeremy Flesch to vote on nominations for Secretary, Treasurer, and Community Forum Representative
 - **Vote: unanimous vote to approve nominations as follows: Secretary – Chance Eaton, Treasurer – Melissa Steinike, Community Forum Representative – Jesse Neidigh**
 - Resolved: Following positions are officially part of the River Road Leadership Team: Secretary – Chance Eaton, Treasurer – Melissa Steinike, Community Forum Representative – Jesse Neidigh
4. Announcement of Garden City Harvest garden on River Road and Community Garden in Lafray Park
- Garden City Harvest
 - Opening Day is April 9th
 - Plot Fee = \$55 (which includes a 15 foot X 15 foot plot, tools, straw, compost and water)
 - Dax will post more info on the RR website tomorrow.
 - If interested in a plot, contact Garden City Harvest.org
 - Lafray Park – Community Garden
 - If you would like to donate flowers or plants for this garden, please contact a leadership team member or make a note on the sign-in sheet expressing your interest.
 - If you would like to help with planting flowers, weeding etc, please make a note on the sign-in sheet as well.
5. Sidewalks in the Neighborhood
- Presentation by Todd Gass – Missoula Redevelopment Agency (MRA) – regarding URD II
 - URD boundaries, Tax Increment Finance Provision education, past River Road project examples
 - River Road community is forming a committee to address ‘Process, Cost, and Financing’ for areas of River Road Neighborhood which are outside Urban Renewal District II (URD II)
 - Seeking 5-7 people with diverse views requested to serve on committee
 - A question was raised about the time commitment to serve on the Sidewalk Committee. The time needed is not determined at this time. However, it partially depends on how much time you have available and will vary based upon the task at hand, estimated at 2-10 hours/month
 - If interested, contact one of the Leadership Team members or make a note on the sign-in sheet.
6. Update on Rezone Request for 217 & 235 Catlin Street & 1715 Trail Street – Chance Eaton
- ...Missoula City Council has voted to oppose the rezone of this property, and this property will therefore, at the current time, maintain its current zoning of 16 units/acre
7. Congratulations to “Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year 2010” – Dax Kuehn
- Next time you see Dax, tell him Congratulations. Feel free to send him an email or call him to wish him Congratulations.

8. River Road Neighborhood “Walking Tour” – Robin Spaziani
 - Announcing walk tour of our River Road neighborhood
 - ...good way to get to know your neighbors and neighborhood without sitting in a meeting room...
 - Date & Time: Sunday April 16th at 1:00 pm - proposed date and time
 - Email will be sent out for official time and date
9. Missoula County Public Schools – Elementary & High School – Building Reserve Fund renewals – presentation by Monique Fortmann
 - Education about building reserve and how it affects Emma Dickinson adult education building
 - To learn more, as well as view the Power Point presentation, visit:
<http://www.mcps.k12.mt.us/portal/Home/LeviesMay2011/tabid/3189/Default.aspx>
10. Sunday Streets – June 5 & Sept 11 – Ben Weiss, representative for Sunday Streets committee
 - History of Columbian Sunday Streets event
 - Description of Sunday Streets events and activities
 - Encouraging involvement and invitation to our community
 - This will coincide with Neighborhood 15th year anniversary, and June 5 has been designated as “Neighbor Day” by Mayor Jon Engen
 - To learn more, visit www.sundaystreetsmissoula.org
11. Russell Street – Zoning Overlay – handout
12. Public Comment – None received
13. Adjournment

Dates to be aware of

- Kindergarten sign-up at Hawthorne Elementary School & all 9 Elementary Schools – April 12, 2011
- Election Day – May 3, 2011
- Porta-potty in Lafray Park from mid April, 2011 to mid September, 2011
- Sunday Streets – Higgins Ave. from Circle Square at the North end of Higgins Ave to 5th Street – June 5 & Sept. 11, 2011

Communication within Neighborhood

www.riverroadmissoula.org

Facebook – River Road Missoula Facebook page

Contact your Leadership Team – listed on www.riverroadmissoula.org website

2010-2011 Leadership Team (prior to Elections at this, March 31, 2011 meeting)

Chairperson – Jeremy Flesch

Vice Chairperson – Dax Kuehn

Community Forum Representative – Mick Hathaway resigning effective April 1, 2011 – open

Treasurer – open

Secretary – open (Chance Eaton doing work, but not voting)

Communications – Robin Spaziani
Special Projects – Andrea Kuehn

City Council Members

Ed Childers
Marilyn Marler