

River Road Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 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
 - Robin Spaziani, Communications,
 - Andrea Kuehn, Special Projects
3. Secretary's Report
 - Motion: to approve the River Road Leadership Team minutes for May, June, July and August by Dax and second by Jesse
 - **Vote: unanimous vote in favor to approve the River Road Leadership Team minutes for May, June, July and August**
 - For:
 - Jeremy Flesch
 - Dax Kuehn
 - Andrea Kuehn
 - Chance Eaton
 - Jesse Neidigh
 - Melissa Steinike
 - Against: none
 - No Vote: Robin Spaziani, arrived just after vote
 - Action Item: Chance will submit approved minutes to the River Road Neighborhood website and send them to Jane Kelly from Office of Neighborhoods
4. Treasurer's Report
 - Melissa presented the treasurer's report, indicating a cash balance of \$800 and \$583.10 in the mailing budget
5. Small Project Grant
 - A small project grant was submitted to the River Road Leadership team from the Justus Lane Home Owners Association (JLHOA). The request is for \$500 to be used in development of the two community areas located on Justus Lane. Chance spoke for the JLHOA and described how the development would benefit Missoula in multiple ways. One primary reason is that the area is located in an area of Missoula that has been described as "blight" and an eye sore to local residents. Also, the area is a high traffic route for the new Milwaukee Trail. Developing the areas will create a more eye appealing space, as well as present a 'model' for other less developed areas in the community to adopt.

- Discussion from Jane about the availability of funds in the Small Grant Budget, and that there was only about \$200 available. Jane suggested applying for re-allocated funds instead, since there were more monies available.
- Motion: to approve the JLHOA small grant request for \$500 to develop the community area by Andrea and second by Dax.
- Vote: unanimous vote to approve the JLHOA small grant request for \$500 to develop the community area
- For:
 - i. Jeremy Flesch
 - ii. Dax Kuehn
 - iii. Andrea Kuehn
 - iv. Chance Eaton
 - v. Jesse Neidigh
 - vi. Melissa Steinike
 - vii. Robin Spaziani
- Against: none
- Action: Chance will work with Jane to use the re-allocation funds application process, and request that Renee Kjelsrud, JLHOA President, to submit the proposal to City of Missoula.

6. Next Neighborhood Meeting – Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 6 PM at Lifelong Learning Center on Curtis

- Discussion on moving the next neighborhood meeting back one week due to leadership team scheduling conflicts.
- Action: Jeremy would visit with the Lifelong Learning Center to see if Thursday, October 6th, 2011 would be available for the meeting
- Discussion about food to be purchased for the meeting
- Motion to approve \$100 to be spent on food for the upcoming Neighborhood Meeting by Jess and second by Dax
- **Vote: unanimous vote to approve \$100 to be spent on food for the upcoming Neighborhood Meeting**
- For:
 - i. Jeremy Flesch
 - ii. Dax Kuehn
 - iii. Andrea Kuehn
 - iv. Chance Eaton
 - v. Jesse Neidigh
 - vi. Melissa Steinike
 - vii. Robin Spaziani
- Against: none
- Action Item: Dax and Andrea will do the shopping for food and drink for the Neighborhood Meeting
- Discussion about Neighborhood Council's by-laws asking that leadership team members have staggering 1 and 2 year terms

- Action Item: Jeremy will create a start date for each position so that the terms are staggered

7. Milwaukee Trail Citizens group

- Discussion about trail user behavior, and methods to improve the undesired behaviors. Suggestions included creating temporary signage along the trail route that included quotes from children to encourage good behavior. Another idea is use the signage as a resource for trail users to know who to contact if they see inappropriate or illegal behavior.
- Examples of signage for Good Behavior:
 - i. Remain on trail route – don't wander into private property
 - ii. Clean up after your pet
 - iii. Keep your pets on leash
 - iv. Notify the police if you see something that doesn't look right
 - v. Alert walkers, joggers and other bike riders when passing on a bike
 - vi. Be respectful
- Would be helpful to learn what other concerns and inappropriate behaviors are most common along the trail. Suggested that at the next Neighborhood meeting that we collect that information from other neighbors.
- Suggested that we start a dialogue with the Missoula Police Department and Missoula Parks and Recreation on what exact steps should be taken when illegal or inappropriate behaviors occur – “what do I do if...” This information could be found on our website as well as future newsletters.
- Jeremy did price check on cost of temporary signs that would encourage good behavior. His findings were that for
 - vii. 50 11"x17" laminated signs estimated cost: \$120 to \$150 (Denny's copy shop),
 - viii. 50 36" wooden posts estimated cost \$50 to \$70 (Lowes)
- Discussion about making the signage more permanent and weather resistant, yet still portable.
- Motion: to authorize \$250 towards the “Milwaukee Tail Good Behavior Signage” campaign out of the River Road operating budget by Jeremy and second by Dax.
- **Vote: unanimous vote to approve the authorization of \$250 towards the “Milwaukee Tail Good Behavior Signage” campaign out of the River Road operating budget**
- For:
 - ix. Jeremy Flesch
 - x. Dax Kuehn
 - xi. Andrea Kuehn
 - xii. Chance Eaton
 - xiii. Jesse Neidigh
 - xiv. Melissa Steinike
 - xv. Robin Spaziani
- Against: none
- Action Item: During the next Neighborhood meeting, Jesse will collect common trail usage issues and concerns observed from the neighborhood. Ideas to collect this info included post-it notes on a piece of posterboard or similar.

- Action Item: Chance and Jesse will work with Parks and Recreation and the Missoula Police Department to pinpoint exact contacts for inappropriate and illegal behavior. Chance and Jesse will also determine what precisely is allowed and what is not allowed on the trail.
- Action Item: Chance and Jesse will derive the most common 10 questions and issues regarding the trail.
- Unrelated discussion that came up during this agenda item was the need and safety for having lighting along the trail in Lafray Park

8. Milwaukee Trail Connection Grand Opening – Sunday, October 16, 2011

Possible Schedule of Events:

3:00 pm – Food is served from 3 – 6 pm

3:00 pm – Welcome

3:30 pm – Short presentation & thanks

4:00 pm – Ribbon Cutting at beginning of trail

4:15 pm – Bike parade from Davis to Curtis

4:30 pm – Band begins

5:00 pm – Monte arrives (Fun antics & pictures with Monte)

5:45 pm – Monte departs

6:30 pm – Music Stops

- Point People Needed:
 - i. Food –
 - ii. Band –
 - iii. Bike Parade – Andrea
 - iv. Monte – Melissa
 - v. Pictures with Monte – Dax
 - vi. Sign-ups for Milwaukee Trail Citizen Group – Chance and Jesse for people who are using trail often that want to participate
 - vii. Short Presentation – Jeremy
 - viii. Permitting Process with Parks & Rec - Jeremy
- Advertising Point People Needed:
 - ix. Newsletter – Dax
 - x. Postcards – Dax
 - xi. Sandwich Boards –
 - xii. Bike / Walk Organizations in Missoula –
 - xiii. Notify Newspaper / TV / Radio Stations? –
 - xiv. Banners on fences near trail –
- Setup
 - xv. Parks and rec bringing in tables, bathroom, and hand washing station

9. Agenda items not covered due to time constraints, and will be discussed at the next leadership meeting:

- River Road Logo - Jesse
- Sidewalk Committee - Dax
- River Road Newsletter
- Comments and Feedback on RR Leadership Team – What do you think?
- Poverello Process – Meeting with Amie Thurber – What did you think?

- Sandwich Boards – Jeremy & Jesse
- Individuals cutting through property
- Bylaws Matrix – 1 representative from RR Leadership Team to investigate
- Less aesthetically pleasing areas of the neighborhood
- New Business

10. Next Leadership meeting scheduled for September 21st 7 AM