

River Road Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 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,

Not Present : Andrea Kuehn, Special Projects

Others: Dave Chrisman, who lives in the University Neighborhood, attended this meeting to see how a functioning Neighborhood Leadership team works. The University Neighborhood has a very inactive neighborhood council.

3. Secretary's Report

Motion: to approve the September 7th River Road Leadership Team minutes by Dax and second by Jesse

Vote: unanimous vote in favor to approve the River Road Leadership Team minutes for September 7th

- For:
 - Jeremy Flesch
 - Dax Kuehn
 - Chance Eaton
 - Jesse Neidigh
 - Melissa Steinike
 - Robin Spaziani
 - Against: none
- 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. River Road Logo – Jesse

Jesse presented another group of logos. This sample of logos was derived from favored logo designs from the August Leadership Team meeting. Discussion about the benefit from having both coloring and gray scale of the logos. Suggested that at next leadership team meeting, as a group we come up with three favored logs and present them at the October River Road **Neighborhood meeting** for a community vote.

Action Item: Jesse will email out the current group of logo options, allowing for each member to have time to decide on their three favorite. The three preferred logos will go to **Neighborhood meeting** for community vote.

6. Sidewalk Committee

Dax provided an update on exploring funding options for River Road sidewalks, specifically the CBDG grant eligibility. Though the River Road leadership team was previously presented with household income maps generated from the latest census, it was advised by CBDG to get more accurate income status on River Road in the form of an income survey.

56 property owners were sent income surveys, and 31 were returned. To increase the response rate, Dax and Jeremy went door to door encouraging survey response, and to hear community response to sidewalks on River Road. Of the 31, only 11 were actual home owners, with the rest as renters. Of the entire 56 property owners, only 4 were eligible as low to moderate income. From the door to door conversations, some concerned neighbors expressed a desire to maintain a rural feel of living on River Road. There were also residents who misunderstood that the survey was simply an investigative process to determine eligibility, not a proposal to complete the sidewalks on River Road. Based off the income survey, it has been determined that CBDG is not a funding source option due to eligibility.

Related, Robin spoke about how the Missoula City Council has recently formed a Sidewalk Committee tasked to explore funding options for sidewalks throughout Missoula. Current ideas include public funding through the Road Improvements District or creating a similar funding source.

Action Item: Dax will visit with Missoula City Council member, Marilyn Marler, and share the River Road Neighborhood's experience of funding exploration and community feedback.

7. River Road Newsletter

Dax reported on the status of the newsletter, and hopes to have it out for print this week

Discussion on how to send the newsletter to the River Road community. One option discussed was to again use the Missoula Correctional Services.

Conversation about how this was cheaper, but many newsletters were delivered late, or they weren't delivered at all in some cases.

Motion: to use the US Postal Service to mail out the River Road Newsletter by Jesse and second by Dax

Vote: unanimous vote to approve the use of the US Postal Service to mail out the River Road Newsletter

For:

- i. Jeremy Flesch
- ii. Dax Kuehn
- iii. Chance Eaton
- iv. Jesse Neidigh
- v. Melissa Steinike
- vi. Robin Spaziani

Against: none

Action Item: Dax will mail out the newsletters

Conversation about allowing space in future newsletters for making advertising available to local businesses

8. Milwaukee Trail Temporary Signage

In the September 7th, 2011 Leadership Meeting, discussion took place about having temporary signs along the Milwaukee Trail that would encourage good behaviors. This followed with a conversation about making the signs a bit more resistant to weather but still portable.

Jeremy brought samples of more permanent signage and stakes that could be used for the trail. They included metal stakes (\$7/stake) on printed plastic board (\$10/board).

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

Continued conversation on the possible schedule of events and point people needed.

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

Mayor John Engen will not be attending the Grand Opening celebration. Melanie Coyle, Assistant to the Mayor indicated that the Mayor tries not to schedule events on Sundays.

10. Topics for Future Meetings

General feedback about River Road Leadership Team
Poverello Process
Sandwich boards
Individuals cutting through property
Bylaws matrix
Neighborhood aesthetics
New Business

11. Next leadership team meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 1022 at 7:00 AM at Missoula Plans exchange