

# River Road Neighborhood Council Leadership Team

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 7:00 a.m.

Mrs. Spaziani Residence

### Leadership Team attendees

Jeremy Flesch, Chairperson

Chance Eaton, Secretary

Jesse Neidigh, Community Forum Representative

Melissa Steinike, Treasurer

Robin Spaziani, Communications

Not Present: Andrea Kuehn, Special Projects & Dax Kuehn, Vice Chairperson

### Other attendees

None

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#### 1. Items discussed

- a. Secretary report by Chance
- b. Treasurer's Report by Melissa
  - i. \$663 in General Budget Fund
  - ii. \$229 Mailing Budget
  - iii. \$904 Reallocation Budget
- c. Community Forum Report by Jesse
  - i. Updates on City of Missoula online permit and forum system
  - ii. Community Neighborhood branding - t-shirts being printed by interested neighborhoods. T-shirts would help generate recognition and awareness of Missoula neighborhood leadership teams.
  - iii. Leadership team discussed possibility of creating their own neighborhood t-shirts at a later date
  - iv. Update on the Poverello center to be located on Broadway at the old Trails End location. Demo is set for fall of 2012, construction 2013, and opening in 2014.
  - v. Parks and Rec of Missoula offering one free event permit per year per park.
  - vi. Future development of "short" streets will no longer be allowed, though eligible for allowances.
  - vii. The Office of Planning and Grants will be splitting the city and county activities to generate greater efficiencies.
  - viii. Conversation on the push for sidewalks and funding mechanisms.
- d. Milwaukee Trail
  - i. Trail Management. Conversation about recent observations on Milwaukee Trail maintenance and management.
  - ii. Curtis Street - the reflectors located on the median appear too high and distracts driver view
  - iii. Vehicles driving on the Milwaukee Trail at the corner of Trail Street and Garfield Street. Vehicles have been driving over this location to cut across to Catlin Street. Parks and Rec was notified of the issue, and was looking into it. A concerned citizen proceeded to put up a fence to divert the traffic from driving on the trail. The fence was then driven over again and continues to be a hazard.
  - iv. Snow removal sporadic on Justus Lane and Trail Street.
  - v. General concerns by the Leadership Team on creating a pro-active position on management of the Milwaukee Trail. In past conversations with the Police Department, Leadership Team was educated in being very proactive in the safety and management of the trail so that it doesn't become a problem. It is much easier to fix a small issue, rather than a big problem.

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    - ix. **Clean Up Day.** Discussion about holding a Milwaukee Trail clean-up day in the late spring.
  - e. **Sunday Streets.** Missoula in Motion is interested in holding a Sunday Streets in our Neighborhood.
  - f. **Boulevard Requirement**
    - i. City Council is looking at eliminating the requirement for boulevard sidewalks on urban residential streets with traffic volume under 250 average daily trips.
    - ii. Conversation and concerns included the following:
    - iii. ...where would the snow go without boulevard - would end up on resident's sidewalks creating extra snow removal work...
    - iv. ...safety - there would be no barrier to street...
    - v. ...parking - how would this affect the ability to park...
    - vi. **Action item:** Jeremy will continue to gather facts and investigate where the boulevard issue is, and report back to team.
  - g. **Missoula in motion Best Practice Awards**
    - i. River Road Leadership Team was nominated for Missoula in Motion Transportation Best Practice Awards 2011. Congrats were sent throughout the Leadership Team for continued involvement and interest.
- 2. Any decisions by consensus/vote
- 3. **Presentation—title and presenter**
- 4. Public comment on non-agenda items
- 5. Announcements
- 6. **Duties assigned:**
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Submitted by: Michelle Williamson