

University District Neighborhood Leadership Team Meeting

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January 15, 2013

UM Lewis and Clark Village Community Center

3000 S. Higgins

Present:

Jane Kelly

Joel Fleischer

Dave Chrismon

Jeff Stevens

Brent Campbell

Miriam Richmond

Emily Caponi

Katherine Brady

Public Comment on non-Agenda items: None

Signal Box Art- presented by Jeff Stevens of the Missoula Public Arts committee

- There are 4 boxes in the University Neighborhood
- The box on 5th and Arthur has already been funded
- It costs \$1000 per box to have them decorated
- Asking the Neighborhood Council for letter of support
- Would like the Council to submit a grant application to fund all three boxes
- Jeff would be happy to present at a general neighborhood meeting

Recap Neighborhood Forum- introduced by Dave Chrismon

- The following opinions were presented about the meeting and its results:
 - It was successful. (Dave Chrismon)
 - It accomplished nothing and problems were not addressed. (Joel Fleischer)
 - Brought President Engstrom into the community (Jane Kelly)
 - Well organized- generally agreed upon
 - Cleared misconceptions (Katherine Brady)
 - Made the University aware of the neighborhood's concerns (Katherine Brady)
- The following information was given by Brent Campbell
 - There was a follow up meeting on December 5th organized by WGM that was attended by about 40 people. That meeting included an unscripted question and answer session.
 - There will be more planning for parking
 - They are trying to find alternatives to the current plan to address issues including parking, buses, open space, and traffic.
 - The next meeting will be in early February
 - *Brent discussed the need for a new campus for Missoula College and that the University the South Campus location would no longer be open to discussion. He went on to say that it was likely that the University would not get funding for the South Campus from this year's legislature. In that event, the University was prepared to wait 2, 4, 6 years or longer to build on the South campus. In the event the University did not receive funding, it was prepared to close the golf course "immediately" although he did not explain what immediately meant. He stressed that, in the event the golf course was closed, that open space would be available to the public for other uses such as cross country meets, walking, biking, etc."*

- Mr. Campbell suggested that this could be a joint meeting with the neighborhood council
- The location for the campus will not change
- The leadership team has agreed to help promote the next meeting organized by WGM to discuss the South Campus.

Update on Neighborhood Ambassadors- presented by Katherine Brady, UM off Campus Rental Center

- There will be an MOU meeting on January 16th to form a steering committee
- Possible site for 400 housing units is MonTec
- Mayor Engen has committed to provide funding for ambassadors to cover the entire University district.
- They got a small grant to use for shovels that were distributed to student renters.
- Planning a kick off event next semester
- Tracking complaints from neighbors to provide follow up

Snow removal problems- introduced by Miriam Richmond

- Invite Brian Hensel, streets superintendent, to leadership and general neighborhood meeting

Parking and traffic problems- introduced by Miriam Richmond

- Should also be discussed with Brian Hensel
- Invite Michael Trey of Mountain Line, the ASUM bus coordinator, city parking commission, and police related to parking to a meeting to discuss all these related issues
- Possibility of a series of meetings

Next Leadership meeting is tentatively set for 7 pm on February 21.

Next General meeting is tentatively set for 6 pm on March 12th at Paxson School.

Minutes as recorded by Miriam Richmond