

River Road Neighborhood Council General Meeting Meeting Minutes

Date: February 18, 2014

Time: 6:30 – 8:30

Location: Life Long Learning Center
310 S Curtis St.

Number in attendance: 25

Jane Kelly explained the history of Montana's neighborhood councils and the purpose of neighborhood councils in Missoula.

Jesse Neidigh provided examples of projects that the River Road Leadership Team has championed or worked on in the past including: Lafrey Park, Milwaukee Trail, and lighting near the trail.

Neighbors were invited to determine the top priorities by walking around and voting, the results were:

1st: Trail Lighting

2nd: Russell St progress

3rd: Recycling

4th: Street lighting, local services (shopping & dining), 3rd Street progress (tie)

5th: Status of quarry/park

6th: sidewalks, neighborhood story, through street connectivity, infill/development, connecting with city council members (tie)

7th: workshop space, through street speed limits, Reserve Street noise barrier

8th: trees in neighborhood, emergency traffic routes (tie)

9th: schools in the neighborhood

The following neighbors volunteered to be on the leadership team: Jesse Neidigh, Melissa Neidigh, Kim W., Joyce, Prairie. Jesse Neidigh moved to vote in the slate of volunteers and it was seconded by Melissa Neidigh.

Linda and Greg from Garden City Harvest explained the community garden program (15x15 plot of land, tools and materials necessary to have a successful garden). They accept applications until the end of March and gardening can start in April. Applications are available online or by calling 532-FOOD.

Chris Boza, the Missoula Urban Forester gave an update on the urban forest status in Missoula. A full inventory will be complete by the end of 2014. So far he has found that some parts of town have no trees; have the same trees; the same trees and same age of trees; and some replanting efforts were not successful. He is developing a long term management plan which includes a

public interest survey, which is in the beginning stages. The goal is to have a draft of the plan to the city council by the end of August. A catalog or list of recommended trees is being put together and will be available in the future on the city's website. Anyone with questions should call Chris at 552-6270.

Public Comment:

--Diane Sands, candidate for Senate District 19 introduced herself.

--Willis Curdy, candidate for House District 98 introduced himself.

--Reminder that in the June 3rd primary, resident swill have the opportunity to vote in favor of a study of neighborhood government.

Submitted by: Melissa Steinke