

Riverfront Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting

August 4, 2014 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Bernice's Bakery

190 S 3rd W

Missoula, MT 59802

Meeting Notes

Attending: Jonathan Qualben, Gwen Hoppe, Michael Dean, Mary LaPorte, Jane Kelly

Guests: Bob Giordano (MIST), Ben Weiss (City of Missoula)

I. 1st West Street Sidewalk Improvements

Ben Weiss provided background. Location is 1st St., Railroad tracks to California. Construction set to begin in 2015. Plans include curbs, gutters, and parking lanes. There is some concern in the neighborhood regarding the omission of bike lanes. There is a fair amount of traffic here, due to Loyola School events, and traffic may need to be calmed.

Discussion included the future of the area, possibly construction of a new school. Also, it was noted that the road is in bad repair and needs to be re-paved. This area is included in the MRA district. Other ideas for calming traffic were discussed, including wider sidewalks, signage on the trail, bulb out on the sidewalks.

This has not come before the Bike/Ped Advisory Committee yet, although it is good for RFNC to get out in front of the project. This project may also parallel a recently-funded project that Parks & Recreation will be undertaking to improve the Bitterroot Trail.

This will be discussed at the next RFNC General Meeting. Bob agreed to meet with the concerned resident prior to our next general meeting, and share the ideas presented here.

II. 5th/6th Street Traffic Calming

Ben informed the LT that it has been determined that any major changes to these streets will need to be approved by the State Transportation Committee. Following the water line repairs now underway on 5th Street, the street will be chip sealed.

The neighborhood may have a 1 year window for influencing long-term planning.

The consensus was that we need to keep this issue on the agenda. Hopefully Caleb Kasper will be able to continue after he has finished with his busy construction season.

III. Determination of next RFNC General Meeting - agenda & date

Gwen attended this meeting to determine whether our fall meeting should be combined with a celebration for the completion of the neighborhood mural on Nutritional Labs. The finished product is glorious. The group decided that the celebration should be separate in order to accommodate students, and provide adequate recognition. That celebration may be on October 3rd, First Friday. This can be announced at our General Meeting.

Date: Tuesday September 23rd, 5:30 pm

Location: Free Cycles first choice

Agenda: 1st Street Sidewalk Improvements

5th/6th Street Traffic Calming

HIVE project in former ProBuild Site

LT Election (nomination of Emily Sullivan)

Duties: Convener: Jonathan
Notetaker: Mary
Signs: Gwen, Mary, Caleb
Postcard: Mary
Refreshments: Mary (to include vegan pizza)

VI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items
None

VII. Announcements
Jane: Next neighborhood grant applications are due October 6

Respectfully submitted,

Mary LaPorte
8.19.14