

Northside/Westside Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2014

Time: 6:00 - 7:06

Location: Burns Street Event Center, 1500 Burns Street, Missoula, MT 59802

In Attendance: Kali Becher, Terri Roberts, Christian Russell, Ann Quirk, Jane Kelly, Corina Bower, Bryan von Lossberg, Shane Stack, Leslie Gallant, Heidi West

Plans for Orange St. Interchange - (Shane Stack MDOT):

- Discussion of deficiencies at Orange street and Van Buren exits
- Deficiencies will be mitigated with roundabouts
- At Orange St - main impact on 5th and 3rd streets
- Questions related to overall benefit/safety were answered
- Shane explained that cross walks (where east bound highway traffic comes in) and sidewalks will be safer for pedestrians and cyclists
- Improvements for Orange St. exit scheduled for 2016, priority over Van Buren
- Web site <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/>
- NSWS LT can contact Shane Stack at sstack@mt.gov

Potential Plans for Whittier School :

- MCPS has identified this property as a good one to sell
- This won't happen quickly as deferred Maintenance is big issue
- Smart Schools 2020 - will involve multiple bonds. Lowell planned to get some of the biggest repairs.

Q&A with Bryan von Lossberg :

-White Pine Sash

- Recent public meeting - DEQ heard again concerns that cleanup will not be residential
- Project Manager just left and may have impact on timeline
- Decision will be end of November

NorthSide Odor Issue

- Site visit at Emerald Services
- No methane has been detected
- Encourage neighbors to call 911 when there is a natural gas smell

Municipal Ownership of Mountain Water

- Some progress but an ongoing issue
- Revisions to decision will be discussed next council meeting
- Complicated issue, committees and council will continue to educate community
- Best reasons for city ownership of water supply has to do with quality, user's control of decision-making related to infrastructure and transparency to citizens
- Missoula community deals with 40% leakages vs national approximate average of 20% leakages
- Capital going into the system will be challenging (if city-owned) but more efficient and there is

no profit goal to impact decisions

- City would inject 50% more into system and revenue bonds would be used
- Acknowledgement of risk
- Currently Missoula's water system is among the highest rates in Montana with worse repair

Strategic planning from general meeting

- Use priorities list from general meeting
- Use of short term and long term goals
- Use of action items
- Jane has tools for strategic planning
- Use next general meeting to report back to community members about how we accomplished priority goals
- Next few meetings will be strategic planning with brainstorming
- Use of point person for different projects

NS/WS Softball game and work party

- Table this but be prepared to talk next time

Selection of new chair:

- Kali nominate Christian and Terri 2nds; LT unanimously approves
- Jane will put together time/date for next LT training
- We can bring ideas to Jane for outside training

General Correspondence :

Parks and Trails friends of Ft Missoula

New Business:

Grant for pocket park (Heidi would like to take this on)

Announcements:

Wednesday Nov. 19 at Zootown Brew 6-8pm