

Riverfront Neighborhood Council General

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 26, 2015

Time: 5:30 –7:00 PM

Location: Free Cycles 732 S. 1st W

Missoula, MT 59801

Leadership Team Members Present: Caleb Kasper, Mary LaPorte and Jonathan Qualben

Other Attendees: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, Gwen Hoppe, Joanna Nasvik and Jennifer Bernosky, Republic Services. There were roughly 30 people at the meeting.

5:30 Introductions

5:40 City of Missoula Code Compliance –Wade Humphries, Zoning Compliance Planner

This item was moved to the end of the agenda. Wade Humphries was unable to attend and Jane Kelly talked about complaint driven Code Compliance in the City.

6:00 5th/6th Streets Traffic Calming–Caleb Kasper

Recommendations from Leadership Team

Discussion

Action Needed: Support for Request

Jonathan Qualben Motions Support, Gwen Hoppe seconded. Vote for resolution was unanimous.

6:20 Leadership Team Update –Mary LaPorte

Brought up interest in zoning overlay. This will be discussed further at the February 9th leadership team meeting.

6:25 Small Grant Request: Gwen Hoppe and Joanna Nasvik

Arts and crafts night. Jonathan motions support and Caleb Kasper Seconds. Vote in support was unanimous. The second step in the mural process is being reviewed.

6:30 Office of Neighborhoods Report –Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator

Small grants are continuously available through application. The outstanding neighborhood volunteer awards are coming up. Please vote! The bus tour is coming up April 16th.

6:35 Republic Services Curbside Recycling Initiative –Jennifer Bernosky

Republic is gauging interest and participation in a curbside pickup. There was a long discussion on details.

6:45 Nominations and Elections for Leadership Team Members - The Leadership Team needs 1 additional member

Mike Carlson of 1st street volunteers to check out the leadership team!

6:50 Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Eva Dunn-Froebig brings up a public water fountain idea on California and Idaho and receives hurrahs.

Ragna Thorn-Thompson talks about the need for more space in our public schools. Attendees express a general desire to keep the schools neighborhood character. Dale McCormick asks about code compliance in regards to ice, trash, junk, etc.

6:55 Announcements:

The next Leadership Team Meeting is February 9, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

at Bernice's Bakery, 190 S. 3rd

W. Missoula, MT 59801

7:06

Adjourn

Submitted by: Caleb Kasper

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**Missoula Riverfront Neighborhood Leadership Team
Resolution 1-26-15**

To whom it may concern,

The Riverfront Neighborhood Leadership Team, Riverfront Neighborhood Council, Bike Pedestrian Advisory Board, and the Missoula Community Forum have all recognized the concerns of the residents along 5th and 6th streets between Russell Street and Higgins Avenue. These include concerns with pedestrian safety, a dangerous cycling environment, speeding, property damage due to collisions, wrong way driving, wrong way cycling, and difficulty with enforcement.

The Riverfront Neighborhood requests that the City of Missoula fund and institute a study to ascertain the benefits and feasibility of the proposed 5th and 6th streets single lane adjustment. The Neighborhood would also be supportive of other solutions addressing the problems with the current configuration of these two streets through the Riverfront Neighborhood between Russell Street and Higgins Avenue.

We as a neighborhood are hopeful that through the expertise of our city employees and outside support we can develop an effective, affordable, successful, long-term remedy to the current street configuration.

Thank you kindly.
Riverfront Neighborhood Council Leadership Team