

## River Road Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: April 22, 2015

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: The Lighthouse @ The Source  
255 S. Russell St.  
Missoula, MT 59801

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1. Neighborhood Night at the Ballpark – A.J. Russell, Missoula Osprey - August 18 at 7:05 pm. Discount tickets (half price tickets, canned food drive, an opportunity to get to know neighbors.) AJ is trying to get people interested and involved. We would need a group of 10 or more people to get the discount pricing. The leadership team is interested and believes we can gather 10 people. AJ will be invited to the June BBQ and we will add some information to our newsletter.
2. Discussion of the Sonoran Institute Study – [Russell Street Development Recommendations](#) - Kim Walterskirchen summarized the study and its findings. The recommendations seemed to be focused on mixed use and higher density. Also making the Russell Street corridor more like a downtown with a more diverse mixture of use (light manufacturing, retail, housing, etc.) They suggested talking to current local businesses to see if some small changes could be made, like making the outdoor seating area at Bayern Brewing more inviting (currently there is a privacy fence).
3. Planning for June BBQ -

Date:	Wednesday, June 17
Time:	6:30 PM
Place:	Lafray Park

Jane Kelly will call the Parks Department and Jane will bring two tables and Nick Shontz has one we can borrow. Jess Neidigh and Kim will put out the sandwich board signs. Jane will try to look at last year's receipts. Prairie will be in charge of food. Possible presenters: AJ Russell, Loren Frazier, and Joshua Hamilton from Salvation Army and Aaron Brock from the Missoula Food Bank. Nick and Melissa Neidigh will work on a newsletter to be sent out. The newsletter should tell people to bring chairs and water bottles. Patrick Guinard will contact Mountain Water about the Hit the Tap truck. Jess will moderate the meeting. Melissa will plan to take notes.

4. Community Forum Report – Jess Neidigh - Off Campus Renter Center presented on their current projects, presentation on the sexual and violent registry, AJ Russell from the Missoula Osprey presented, Outstanding Volunteer of the Year award was announced, there were complaints voiced over the tree trimming being done by Northwestern Energy.
5. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator gave an update on the Office of Neighborhoods activity.
6. New Business - Prairie Wolfe will reach out to CTA to get a quote to complete the trail lighting along the Milwaukee Trail.
7. Discussion about the Leadership taking over the care of the small public area on Justus Lane, it is overgrown with weeds. Jane will look into the small grant application to see if there is a homeowners association connected to it.
8. Public comment on non-agenda items - None
9. Announcements – The next leadership team is May 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse Bistro.

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## What is important to the River Road Neighbors?

1. Trail Lighting – 12 Votes
2. Russell Street Progress – 8 Votes
3. Votes Recycling – 7 Votes
4. Local Services – 6 Votes
5. Street Lighting – 6 Votes
6. 3rd Street Progress – 6 Votes
7. Neighborhood Watch – 5 Votes
8. Status of Quarry/Park – 5 Votes
9. Neighborhood Story – 4 Votes
10. Sidewalks – 4 Votes
11. Through Street Connectivity – 4 Votes
12. Infill Development – 4 Votes
13. Connecting with City Council Members – 4 Votes