



Rose Park Neighborhood Council – Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2015 (Thursday) – 7:00 pm - Hal Fraser Conference Room

In Attendance: Gwen Jones (RPNC LT), Clare Wood (RPNC LT), Michael Painter (RPNC LT), Jane Kelly (Office of Neighborhoods), Tod Gass (Missoula Redevelopment Agency), Cory Davis (Territorial Landworks).

Gwen called the meeting to order & those in attendance introduced themselves.

March LT Meeting Minutes - Minutes from the last RPNC LT Meeting (Mar.11.2015) were approved.

Curb & Sidewalk Project - Tod Gass & Cory Davis gave a brief presentation on the upcoming curb & sidewalk project in Rose Park Neighborhood (MRA URD-III) & answered questions regarding the work. Surveying has been completed & a public open house has been scheduled for Thursday, June 11th, in the Southgate Mall Community Room from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.. Affected property owners will also receive notice from Territorial Landworks highlighting identified encroachments specific to neighboring properties. The Leadership Team thanked Tod & Cory for attending and for the information provided.

Ivy Community Garden - Gwen shared some photos of the Ivy Community Gardens. The raised garden beds are in place & fence installation is in progress. There was some discussion about whether or not the garden would be ready for planting this year – Clare indicated that there was a tentative plan for an open house at the gardens on July 1st. Gwen offered to follow up with Garden City Harvest for an update.

Rose Memorial Park Rose Gardens / Missoula Rose Society - Painter gave a brief report on the Rose Society's planting day (based on e-mails from John Pilsworth & Julie Devlin, who attended & assisted with replacing several rose beds). Painter will make effort to continue to attend regular meetings for the Rose Society.

Neighborhood Tree Committee - Gwen attended a recent University District NC meeting and had a follow-up discussion with Chris Boza (Urban Forester) regarding forming Neighborhood Tree Committees to assist with development & adoption of the Urban Forest Master Plan elements specific to individual neighborhoods. We will follow up with Chris Boza as details of the Neighborhood Tree Committees are further developed, following review of existing conditions & constraints.

Fireworks @ Missoula Osprey Games - Painter (who serves as Community Forum representative to the Extraordinary Events Committee [charged with approving special events at Missoula Civic Stadium]) had met with the Riverfront NC's Leadership Team recently to discuss their neighborhood's concerns with the number of fireworks displays scheduled @ Osprey Games this year (5). A meeting with Matt Ellis (Executive Vice President of the Osprey) is scheduled for May 26th.

Rose Park Neighborhood Council General Meeting - The Leadership Team discussed holding a general neighborhood meeting in September. It was generally agreed to try to schedule that meeting at Washington Middle School in mid-September, depending on availability of the school's cafeteria. Tentative details of that general meeting – Sep. 15, 16, 22, 23; pizza served at 6:00 p.m., with meeting to start at 6:30 p.m.. Once

meeting details are finalized, the LT will draft an agenda & postcard to be mailed out to residents. Another Leadership Team meeting should be held in August to finalize details for the general neighborhood meeting – it was agreed to meet August 20th at 5:30 p.m. at Café Dolce.

Community Forum Report - Painter gave brief report on the March & April Community Forum meetings:

- March's presentations included Detective Jamie Merifield (Missoula Police Department) introducing the CF representatives to the Sexual & Violent Offender Registry & Casey Wilson of the City's Development Services department discussing the new City Council Ward boundary realignment.
- At April's CF meeting, Sarah Bates & Darcy McKinley Lester (with the National Wildlife Federation) talked about the NWF's efforts on a Missoula Community Wildlife Habitat Initiative. (Jane handed out the NWF's "Certified Wildlife Habitat" application and described how the application & certification processes work.) Katie Deuel of Missoula's Home ReSource center described the center's programs & services.

Office Of Neighborhoods Report – Jane reported on the recent work of the office, including the workshop on maintaining traffic circles recently held @ Bonner Park & ongoing efforts to find neighbors willing to “adopt” traffic circles in their area. Jane also reminded the LT of the upcoming Missoula Osprey “Neighborhood Night” scheduled for August 18th at the Osprey's game. Discounted tickets are available for groups of 10 or more & a pre-game BBQ is also available.

New Business

- Gwen & Clare briefly discussed the lending book libraries in Rose Park's neighborhood.
- Gwen also gave a report on the Clark Fork Native Prairie along the Kim Williams trail (south of the river, just east of Higgins & the Missoulian building). The resident gardener (John Pierce, local botanist) invites any/all interested parties to meet him at the garden at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays to assist with weeding & maintaining the plants. It was generally agreed that while the area is not in Rose Park neighborhood, we would like to support the project as we are able. This might be an agenda item for our general meeting.
- Painter reported that at the recent general meeting of the Missoula Senior Center, Missoula Aging Services & the City's Parks & Recreation Department presented a proposal for including a Senior Center facility as part of a plan for building a Missoula Community & Sports Center at McCormick Park (adjacent & connected to the existing Currents indoor pool and Parks & Recreation offices).

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – None.

Minutes submitted by Painter 05/26/15.