



Rose Park Neighborhood Council – Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2015 (Tuesday) – 7:00 pm – Hal Fraser Conference Room, MRA (140 W Pine)

In Attendance: Julie Devlin (RPNC LT), Margaret Mallino (RPNC LT), Tate Jones (RPNC LT), Michael Painter (RPNC LT), Jane Kelly (Office of Neighborhoods), Stephanie Kolb (Office of Neighborhoods), Isabel Langlois (National Wildlife Federation).

The meeting was called to order & those in attendance introduced themselves. The RPNC Leadership Team agreed to hear public comment first to enable Ms. Langlois to discuss her interest in applying for a neighborhood grant.

Public Comment – Isabel Langlois, a Rose Park resident and volunteer for the National Wildlife Federation, asked for RPNC LT's support for a neighborhood grant to help cover the cost of cleaning up the Slant Street Gateway (park areas in the triangle intersection at Mount Ave & Park St, across from Missoula Fire Department Station #2). Isabel would like to improve the park in order to qualify it as a Certified Wildlife Habitat. Jane reported that the deadline for submitting applications for large neighborhood grants had been extended to Oct.27.2015 – Isabel intended to apply for a small neighborhood grant this year, to be used in conjunction with some funds remaining in an earlier neighborhood grant. (She will contact Tim Skufca, primary coordinator of the earlier grant & project, to discuss how best to provide maintenance & care for the project.) As the item has not been noticed as an agenda item on a Rose Park NC meeting, the RPNC LT could not formally take action in support of a grant application, but agreed to schedule another RPNC LT meeting for Thursday, Nov.05.2015 @ 5:00 p.m. in the Hal Fraser MRA Conference Room (if available – Jane will confirm). Isabel will provide a copy of the small neighborhood grant application to RPNC LT for that meeting.

There was no additional public comment.

RPNC General Meeting – Sep.23.2015 - Minutes - Minutes from the general Rose Park Neighborhood Council meeting at Washington Middle School were approved. Painter is scheduled to make report to City Council regarding that general meeting at next week's regular council meeting (Oct.26.2015) and has invited the other RPNC LT members to attend to be introduced to the City Council. (The meeting is scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. – neighborhood council reports are generally scheduled immediately after the consent agenda (7:15 to 7:30 or so).

Rose Park Neighborhood Council By-Laws & Leadership Team Roles – Painter reported on the recommendations / requirements of the current RPNC By-Laws & Jane recommended that the current By-Laws be updated. Jane will send a list of neighborhood council by-laws elements for consideration & adoption as appropriate. (The process for adopting changes to the By-Laws is lengthy – proposed changes need to be approved by the City Attorney's office, then adopted at a general neighborhood council meeting and, if approved, sent to City Council for adoption.)

Review of Rose Park Neighborhood Council Projects – Painter listed neighborhood projects the Leadership Team had discussed and/or worked on, including (but not limited to): Ivy Community Garden, support of the Missoula Rose Society's work in Rose Park, installation of bike lanes on Bancroft, and artwork on the

neighborhood's traffic signal boxes. Projects currently underway in the neighborhood include Missoula Aging Services' efforts to improve the bus stop facilities on Stephens, curb-and-sidewalk work in the Missoula Redevelopment Agency's URD-III (along Mount Avenue & Burlington, as well as other areas in the vicinity). Urban Forester Chris Boza has asked neighborhood councils appoint a "Tree Committee" to assist the City's Parks & Recreation Department with their efforts to maintain the city's urban forest. Margaret & Julie have agreed to represent Rose Park, though per Jane there is no definitive date yet set for a meeting. (Chris is currently out of town.)

Community Forum Report – Painter gave a brief report on the September Community Forum meeting & the Leadership Team discussed the work of Community Forum and representation from Rose Park. Julie Devlin agreed to attend the October & November Community Forum meetings (Oct. 22nd & Nov. 19th). All Leadership Team members are invited to attend the December Community Forum meeting (Dec. 17th), as that meeting will consist primarily of a Christmas party, including white elephant gift exchange, food & games. Tate agreed to attend Community Forum meetings after the holidays. Painter will be available to serve as alternate should Julie or Tate have a conflict.

Office Of Neighborhoods Report – Jane reminded the Leadership Team that this year's "Stories & Stones" will be held at Missoula City Cemetery (2000 Cemetery Road) on Sunday (Oct.25.2015) from 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm. Office of Neighborhoods will be staffing a table at the event & was / is looking for assistance if someone is available to and interested in helping. (Julie agreed to assist from 12:30 – 1:30).

New Business – The Leadership Team will meet again on Thursday, Nov.05.2015, at 5:00 pm – primarily to consider endorsement of the National Wildlife Federation's small neighborhood grant request. Please notify Jane & the rest of the Leadership Team of any additional agenda items.

Minutes submitted by Painter 10/22/15.