

University District Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Lewis and Clark Villages Community Room, 3000 S. Higgins Ave, Missoula, MT
Monday, 6:30 pm, February 27, 2017

Committee Members Present: Dave Chrismon, Jeff Birkby, Peter Drakos, Tony LaPlante
Others Present: Jane Kelly (Office of Neighborhoods), Karen Gasvoda (Program Assistant),
Mary O'Malley (ASUM Neighborhood Ambassadors)

1. 6:30: Welcome and Introductions (Meeting began at 6:30 pm)
2. 6:31: Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2017 Meeting (Minutes approved)
3. 6:32: Correspondence
4. 6:33: Public comment on non-agenda items
5. 6:40: ASUM Neighborhood Ambassadors' Update (Mary O'Malley discussed some of the things her office did such as passing out flyers to University owners about upcoming events such as a block party on April 30th. Other things Mary discussed were the upcoming housing fair March 29th, campus thrift, traffic circle gathering, snow/parking space clean up complaints, tool donations, new hires in her office, and services available to students after graduation.)
6. 6:50: Office of Neighborhoods Report—Jane Kelly (Jane Kelly reported information about the traffic circle gathering. Jane also reported on the goal to change the boundaries/wards by a proposed April 20th. Jane also discussed the upcoming neighborhood Bus tour scheduled for April 20th.)
7. 7:00: Community Forum Report—Katie Sullivan and Dave Chrisman (Jane discussed an upcoming civic event to honor a local individual as it being Karen Sippy day to be held downtown on March 20th. A plaque will be presented to Karen and a tree will be planted in her honor.)
8. 7:20: Jeannette Rankin Park Improvements Funded—Julie Stephenson and Dave Chrismon (Dave reported on three items. 1.) City neighborhood involvement/ tree plan approved for the University neighborhood. 2.) ZERObyFifty waste plan. 3.) Habitat certificate / neighborhood / Missoula specific.)
9. 7:25: Working Group Looking at Neighborhood Character Issues— Peter Drakos and Tony LaPlante (Tony LaPlante reported that Gwen Jones will be holding her last working group meeting on Wednesday, March 1st. (Report to follow))
10. 7:35: Reports on Neighborhood Priorities Research by leadership Team – Dave Chrismon (Dave discussed a tree planting and watering/ responsibilities as well as maintenance plan.)

i. Tree removal, replacement and more planting/maintenance – Dave Chrismon (Dave discussed the option for the use of smaller trees/locations due to larger trees be neglected and as a result dying.)

ii. Tourist homes – all LT members (We discussed the Tourist Home info card that Jane Kelly distributed to the group.)

iii. Trash can containers enforcement – Katie Sullivan (To be continued. Katie will conduct additional research regarding this topic. Katie was not present for this meeting.)

iv. Sidewalk snow removal and sidewalk maintenance – Julie Stephenson, Dave Chrismon and Mary O'Malley (Mary discussed reaching out to more people next year to help with sidewalk snow removal / maintenance.)

v. Trail head signs/improvements – Jeff Birkby (Jeff reached out to individuals with the city about trail system / maps, a clearer picture of trails, way signage, online maps and tying that into University signage. He is waiting to hear back regarding these items.)

vi. Noise issues – Mary O'Malley (Mary discussed her meeting with individual fraternities and the quality of life officer. She stated again that no additional noise complaints in University district have been reported. A newsletter will be sent out.)

vii. Trash and furniture in yards/alleys – Tony LaPlante (Tony discussed various options to dispose of trash & miscellaneous furniture left behind by tenants. Places like Home Resource, Goodwill, Donation Warehouse, Reuse store were a few example of places that will take items if an appointment is made to remove items. He will check additional options.)

viii. Support of neighborhood business – Tony LaPlante (We discussed as a group that it would be in the best interest to not investigate this topic any further.)

8:15: Next General Meeting Planning - (We discussed as a group possible dates that include May 3rd or 4th. In addition we discussed possible locations that include Paxson Elementary School, The University of Montana campus, Hellgate School, and the Flats building.)

8:25 Next Leadership Team Meeting Planning- We discussed as a group possible topics for the next meeting that include tress, trails, vo-tech, and Jeanette Rankin.)

8:30: Adjournment

Submitted by: Tony LaPlante