

# Captain John Mullan Neighborhood Council General

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 3, 2017

Time: 6:00PM

Location: 44 Ranch Park

2503 Riata Rd.

Missoula, MT 59808

Present: Antony Jo, Captain John Mullan Neighborhood Council member, neighbor; Lianna Waller, neighbor; Sienna Solberg, neighbor; David Selvage, Missoula Parks & Recreation; Jordan Hess and Ruth Ann Swaney, City Council Representatives; Karen Gasvoda, Neighborhood Program Assistant, and about 25 others

1. Update on Playground efforts, including donation by Spectrum
  - a. Dave presented on the playground design, donated item from Spectrum Aquatics, additional items and how they have been ranked, play value and cost, safety and liability, and installation dates.
    - i. Donated playground item from Spectrum Aquatics. Spectrum Aquatics has donated the item in honor of an employee who has passed away; will be requesting a plaque and bench (already installed) in recognition of the donated item.
    - ii. Ten additional items have been proposed by Parks and Recreation to complete the play value of the playground. Encourage neighbors to look at the play value of a piece and not the cost.
    - iii. Liability and safety: City has "Recreational Immunity" meaning the city provides its due diligence in terms of safety by purchasing equipment that meets certain safety standards and it is installed professionally.
    - iv. If a child is injured on the playground- the city is not liable unless there has been a documented concern for neglect and that concern is cause for the injury. The City will maintain the playground by checking the area monthly, raking the wood chips bi-monthly and doing an audit of the structures annually.
    - v. Reminder to neighbors to report damage, vandalism, and concerns for safety to Parks and Recreation as soon as it is noticed.
    - vi. Installation for the donated item from Spectrum is set for September 2017. Play space will include the donated item and the fall zone material, including wood chips.
    - vii. Installation of the additional items could be seen as soon as Spring 2018.
    - viii. Cost for additional items; \$44K for the play items proposed, \$23K for installation costs, **total \$65K.**
    - ix. The additional costs will be made through City funds, donations, grants, and fundraising.
2. Fundraising to date:
  - a. Lianna and Sienna, along with John and Maggie Moffatt and Jessa Larson, collected \$4000 in neighborhood pledges and 107 signatures of support
  - b. We have two grants we are working on for a total amount of \$7K

- c. Kory Mytty has expressed commitment to match either 50 or 100% of the neighborhood donations.
3. Fundraising goal:
  - a. Our goal for neighborhood donations is \$10K
  - b. If neighbors are interested in helping with fundraising and grant writing, please contact Lianna or Sienna. We are looking for people to help go around to get pledge commitments from the 60 houses missed due to people not being home when we first canvassed; people to collect donations; people who have connections with businesses and contractors/builders in the neighborhood; people who have grant experience or are eager and want to help in grant writing.
4. Addition of additional ranked items IF/AS funds become available (goal is spring 2018)
5. Neighborhood support for neighborhood project fund grant for 44 Ranch Park:
  - a. Vote was unanimous for supporting the park
6. Proposed installation dates:
  - a. Donated item will be installed September 2017
  - b. Possible installation for additional items as soon as Spring 2018
7. Public comment on non-agenda items:
  - a. Jordan Lyons, with ASUM Renter Center presented on his efforts to assist student with finding rentals and understanding their rights, roles, and responsibilities as a renter.
8. Report to City Council
  - a. Jordan Hess and Ruth Ann Swaney
  - b. Antony will report this meeting to City Council at their meeting on August 7, 2017
  - c. Sienna will send neighborhood letter and signatures of support to City Council reps the week of August 7<sup>th</sup>.