



## **Rose Park Neighborhood Council – General Meeting Minutes**

September 27, 2017 (Wednesday) – Rose Park – Ice Cream Social @ 6:30 pm; General Meeting @ 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Jane Kelly (Office Of Neighborhoods), Julie Devlin (RPNC LT), Margaret Mallino (RPNC LT), Tate Jones (RPNC LT), Michael Painter (RPNC LT), Ethan Smith (Missoula PD), Jordan Lyons (ASUM), Brendan Shull (ASUM Neighborhood Ambassador)

The general meeting was officially started at approximately 7:00 p.m. with approximately 60 people present.

On behalf of RPNC's Leadership Team, Painter welcomed all those attending & introduced them to:

- Rose Park Neighborhood Council's Leadership Team
- Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator with Office of Neighborhoods

The Leadership Team also offered up thanks to the City of Missoula's Parks & Recreation Department for allowing use of Rose Park for our meeting; to the City of Missoula's Water Department for providing their water truck for the meeting & to Big Dipper Ice Cream for their assistance in getting their ice cream truck to the meeting. Painter wanted to especially note the fine work & ongoing support given Rose Park Neighborhood Council by Jane Kelly & Karen Gasvoda with the Office of Neighborhoods.

**Office of Neighborhoods** - Jane Kelly described the history & purpose of the neighborhood councils & Painter asked that those in attendance give consideration to becoming active in their neighborhood & community by agreeing to serve on the Leadership Team.

**ASUM Neighborhood Ambassadors Program** – Jordan Lyons gave a brief description of the Neighborhood Ambassadors program @ UM and introduced Brendan Shull, one of this year's ambassadors.

**Missoula PD's Neighborhood Watch / Community Livability Officer** – Officer Ethan Smith introduced himself and discussed Missoula PD's efforts to enlist the neighborhood councils & community in assisting with crime prevention efforts. Officer Smith is available to assist / support any residents interested in establish a neighborhood watch program and/or to help develop security measures in neighborhoods or homes.

**St. Joseph's School Playground** – St. Joseph's School's Principal (Christine McGill) was unable to attend due to another meeting, but Painter offered thanks to St. Joseph's & Missoula Catholic Schools for working with City Council Ward 3 representative Gwen Jones & others to open the playground at the school for the public's use. Gwen & RPNC's LT request that all neighbors & other users of the playground assist with ensuring that the general guidelines for use are followed & report any in appropriate or after-hours use.

**MCPS Construction Projects Update** – Painter received updates from Principal Kevin Ritchlin of Willard Alternative High School & Principal Kacie Laslovich of Washington Middle School on the respective MCPS bond issue projects underway at those schools (both of which are in Rose Park Neighborhood Council) and read brief excerpts from those updates.

**Leadership Team Reports** – Current Leadership Team members Julie Devlin, Margaret Mallino & Tate Jones discussed their service with the Leadership Team over the last 2 years.

**Neighborhood Concerns** – Several Rose Park residents expressed their concerns regarding some issues in the neighborhood which they would like to see the Leadership Team investigate & report on, including:

Speeding; Boulevard Tree Trimming; Possible Road Closures During MCPS Construction Projects; Lack of Response to Neighborhood Concerns; Sidewalk Construction. The new Leadership Team will follow up with the residents who expressed those concerns for additional information.

**Leadership Team Elections** – Jane Kelly & the current Leadership Team asked for volunteers interested in serving on the Leadership Team – current RPNC LT members Julie Devlin & Tate Jones expressed interest in continuing to serve; new members volunteering were: Roula Agne, Kathleen Gemar, Katie LaPointe, Leah Ore, and Elizabeth Williams.

**Additional Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – None.

**Next Meeting – Regular Leadership Team Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th, 2017 at 5:00 pm in the Jack Reidy Room (City Council Chambers at 140 W. Pine St.)**

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