

University District Neighborhood Council General

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 24, 2017

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: University of Montana, University Center

Room 330, 3rd Floor, University Center

Approximately 60 people were in attendance.

1. Welcome: 6:30pm. Opening of the general meeting.
2. History of Neighborhood Councils – Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, Office of Neighborhoods, City of Missoula: **Jane Kelly spoke briefly about the History of the Neighborhood councils. She also discussed and exercise that took place later in the meeting.**
3. Housing Growth and Development – Eran Pehan, Director, Housing and Community Development, City of Missoula: **Eran spoke about the Missoula housing market & presented slides and data discussing increased housing prices, and wage data. She also discussed affordable housing resources such as community development block grants, and home investment partnership programs including monetary assistance. Eran also discussed a 160-unit complex that a conduit loan helped preserve, other possible affordable units marked for possible building on the horizon, and density building and infill building was discussed to handle growth and affordability.**
4. ASUM Neighborhood Ambassadors – Jordan Lyons, Director, Off-Campus Renter Center, University of Montana: **Jordan discussed his role as an Ambassador to the University Neighborhood and outlined the various roles that his/her volunteers are responsible for, such as handling complaints, etc. He also discussed upcoming events like smash the pumpkin & can the cats collection challenge.**
5. Update on Jeannette Rankin Park – Julie Stephenson, Leadership Team, University District Neighborhood Council: **Julie discussed recent grant awards for two items: a park bench and trash cans. She also discussed community and University volunteer involvement keeping the park presentable and clean.**
6. Update on Traffic Calming on 5th and 6th Streets – Bob Giordano, Executive Director, Missoula Institute for Sustainable Transportation: **Bob discussed reasons for lane conversion/calming plans and presented examples of daily car volumes on some of the busier streets in Missoula. He then showed an example of a conversion/calming plan on Hickory & 5th St. He also discussed the need for Neighborhoods to help reduce injuries via re-stripping the road options to allow for safer biking.**
7. University District/Missoula Trail Mapping Project - Kyle A. Balke, GISP – Senior GIS Analyst at Geodata Services, Inc.: **Kyle discussed trail mapping/data collection and resources to access maps, i.e., websites like Trail forks, & Carin tech to better inform users. He also discussed the M trailhead and Pattee Canyon trails/Maurice entrance.**
8. Q & A with City Council: **Gwen Jones spoke about trails, and the residential parking permit program and a possible study to look at parking. She also touched on other topics like the working study to look at building in the University neighborhood, preserving neighborhood character, lot sizes and setbacks, creativity, mass and size of homes, etc. She also touched on the Hip-strip & MEP.**
9. Election of Leadership Team members – Jane Kelly: **The re-election of two existing Neighborhood council members took place, i.e., Katie Sullivan and Julie Stephenson.**
10. Setting Neighborhood Council priorities for 2018: **Jane Kelly led the exercise to discuss and rank the importance University District Priorities with the help of the attendees. Each attendee was given stickers to place next to an existing list of priorities based on their opinion /importance. (Please see the final list of the University District Priorities below)**
11. Announcements by the Leadership Team - none
12. Public comment on non-agenda items - none
13. Items to report to City Council - TBD
14. Adjournment: **The meeting ended between 8:30-8:45pm**

University District Priorities

- Urban Deer
 - Traffic calming/speeding issues
 - Lengthy construction projects
 - Dog waste
 - Code compliance/line of sight problems
 - Trash and furniture in yards/alleys
 - Mandatory safety and health inspections
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- Tree removal, replacement and more planting/maintenance
 - Trash can container enforcement
 - Trailhead signs/improvements
 - Parking problems
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- Tourist homes
 - Sidewalk snow removal
 - Sidewalk maintenance
 - Support of neighborhood businesses
 - Community garden
 - UM and neighborhood relations

Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator
Eran Pehan, Housing & Community Development
Jordan Lyons, Off-Campus Renter Center
Bob Giordano, Missoula Institute for Sustainable Transportation
Kyle A. Balke, Geodata Services, Inc.
Emily Bentley, Ward 3 Council Member
Gwen Jones, Ward 3 Council Member
John DiBari, Ward 4 Council Member
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