

## River Road Neighborhood Council Leadership Team

Meeting Minutes Date: March 21, 2018

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Home ReSource Community Room

1515 Wyoming St

Missoula, MT 59801

Present: Karen Gasvoda, Megan Pfaff, Nick Shontz, Kim Walterskirchen, Charlie Byrne, Kevin O'Brien, Kevin Ritchlin, Julie Robitaille, Katie Carlson, Julie Maturen, Stephanie Frostad

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1. **Approval of meeting minutes** of the General meeting on 13th of February 2018 – The minutes were approved as posted.
  2. **Kevin Ritchlin** and **Julie Robitaille** introduced the **MCPS Operations levy** which will be on the ballot soon. Then details about the Willard School Reconstruction were discussed and other related topics.
  3. **Katie Carlson** and **Julie Maturen** gave us an update on the progress of the **YWCA** move to our neighborhood. The property on Third St has been purchased, now funding for the next steps has to be secured in order for them to move ahead.
  4. Discussion of **Roles and Duties of LT members**. Nick Shontz as community forum rep is set, as is Melissa Neidigh as Secretary. No specific Treasurer was named.
  5. The Discussion of the **Bylaws update** was pushed to the next meeting so Jesse and Melissa can partake and so everybody can read the old version and the new version proposed by the city attorney and compare.
  6. **Lighting along Curtis Street**. Jesse was absent, but Charlie confirmed that there now is a light at the crossing of Curtis St and River Road.
  7. **Hawthorne annexation and safe pathways** was discussed, but there is not much news on this topic. The whole situation was discussed once more, the difficulty of getting to Hawthorne School via Third St, the possible trail over a private property, the lack of Neighborhood council members in that neighborhood etc. Nick Shontz and Megan Pfaff will take a closer look at possibly involving parents who are affected to ultimately get sidewalks on Third St or whatever ensures safe passage for the kids of that school.
  8. **Public comment on non-agenda items**. Several topics were discussed:
    - a. **Russell St rebuild**, the danger of the bottleneck moving from Broadway into our neighborhood, bicycle connections, traffic study and speeding on Wyoming street, the possibility of putting a traffic signal on the intersection of Catlin and Third. The wiring is already in place.
    - b. **Stephanie Frostad** reported from the **neighborhood watch** meeting she attended a day earlier and we discussed several ways of getting to know the immediate neighbors better and the importance of being able to watch out for each other. There will be several signs put up in all of Missoula as reminders of that.

- c. The crushed glass, permeable pathway at **MUD** has received funding through Neighborhood reallocated funds, and there will be a kickoff event on Earth day.

**9. Nick Shontz** gave us the **Community Forum Report**. Topics and presentations there:

- a. City is implementing **design standards** in the University district.
- b. How to prepare your house for wild fires if you live in an endangered area
- c. The Brook St corridor is planned to become more bike and pedestrian friendly
- d. Mountain line will purchase three electric buses.

**10. Karen Gasvoda** gave us some neighborhood updates and reminded us of the bus tour.

**11. Announcements: Danny Gundlach**, a student who does a study for his planning class at the university chose the Jensen Property (where Johnson St will come through from Third St to Trail St) for his project and might come by with preliminary plans at our next meeting to seek input from us, to hear from us what we would like to see there.