

Southgate Triangle – General Meeting - April 11, 2018 - Minutes

SGT Members in attendance: Bob Martin, Mark Foss, Hans Christiansen, Larry Cron, Skip Hegman, Wes Appelt, and Kelly Lloyd , Others: City: - Jane Kelly, Donna Gaukler, Karen Sippy, Jesse Ramos, Stacy Anderson; DOT – Shane Stack, Katie Klietz; and 5 neighbors

1. Welcome

2. Bellevue Park update – Donna Gaukler – Director Parks and Rec. – Discussed history of park. Karen Sippy – “First trees came to Missoula in 1897 – Maples brought by Warden. Yellow willows are invasive and removed. Plant smaller trees rather than larger ones in burlap balls – they grow faster. Replacement Trees - Horizon Elms grow 40’ - Burr Oak are from eastern Mt. will grow to 50’. \$36,000 raised and given to Bellevue Bike Park from Friends of Missoula Parks. Friends of Missoula Parks -They meet once a month for 11 years.” Shade shelter – downed cottonwood could be used to provide temporary shade for Bellevue Park. Issues such as graffiti with parks call 721-PARKS or 911

3. Montana Rail Link Park Update - Going out to bid this week. 4.5 acres of park will cost \$1.5 million.

4. City Council – Stacy Anderson and Jesse Ramos – Stacy says City knows about the issue with the trees and it won’t happen again without notifying the SGT. Mayor’s conference re: background checks for gun sales. Ag will determine the enforceability. No foreseeable rate increases in Missoula Water for six years. Missoulians are being charged at 2011 rates.

5. Russell Street – Shane Stack – Mt. Dept. of Transportation and Katie Klietz – Big Sky Public Relation is handling information and public relations for DOT projects around Missoula for the next two years. All federal dollars spent in Missoula has to be vetted by FPO. Railroad tracks by Boyce Lumber will be grade separated (pedestrian and bicycles would go over or under). Right now the plan is overpass. Split 87% federal and 13% State funding for projects in Missoula. Development for Dakota to Mount is 20 years out due do funding limitations. Phase 1 and Phase 2 will be finished by 2019. Missoula gets 1 million fed dollars every four years for road maintenance.

6. Elections – James Sage elected new SGT member.

7. Announcements – No announcements

8. Public comments on non-agenda items. – No Comments