

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: November 7, 2018 Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Lewis and Clark Village Community Room 3000 S Higgins Ave. Missoula, MT 59802

Present: Colleen Biehl, Terry Connor, Jeff Lamson, Jeff Miller, resident, Beth Sikes, resident. Michael Cast, UM Journalism student, Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator

1. Approval of September 19, 2018 general and October 3, 2018 leadership team meeting minutes. Dave moved that the September Minutes Be approved, Colleen seconded. All were in favor.
Dave moved that the October Minutes be approved, Jeff Lamson seconded. All were in favor.
2. Newfields update: Terry was told that no one was available this week.
3. Recycling – Dave After a discussion on Missoula’s available recycling resources, it was decided that our spring news letter will have information of the various recycling resources for the neighborhood.
4. Bancroft Ponds update – Colleen reported the Large Grant for \$3,000 for the Bancroft Pond Park ADA Trails was submitted to the Grants Committee, however, because of the low number of requests the deadline has been extended so that additional entities could still apply Decisions will be made December 13.
Birding area: Five Valley Audubon donation has purchased trees, shrubs and seed for grasses through the city. The planting of the trees will be done when the work on the trails commences. The birding habitat will be in the SW area of the park. Jerry shared a diagram with the steering committee that Morgan Valliant worked up.
 - a. America Walks Grant- This grant partners with the Every Body Walk! and other sponsors, such as W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Missoula in Motion contacted us about the availability of the grant and our pond trails project may be able to benefit if we applied. This is not a city grant. This grant is for \$1,500 and an additional ADA path would be put in through the birding area. This grant was due November 2, John Connor will submitted the grant after he had a meeting with Morgan Valliant, who agreed that this additional path would fit into the project if the grant was received. The path would partially follow a foot trail that cuts off from the Stephens Street entrance and goes through the birding area. We will know in December if we receive the award.
Colleen moved that the Lewis & Clark Leadership Team show support for the American Walks Grant, Terry seconded. All were in favor.
5. Community Forum Report—Colleen Garden City Dehydrator gave a presentation on their large solar dehydrator that is available at the Riverside Community Garden. City planners presented on the standards and guidelines for development in various areas of the city.
6. Office of Neighborhoods Report—Jane presented the Citizen’s Academy to begin in January into March. 35 people may apply to attend the no cost academy. More information and the application are on the Office of the Neighborhoods website. December 28 is the deadline.
7. Public comment on non-agenda items - Beth Sikes brought up leaf and snow removal around the park and root removal on the pond loop. The roots will be removed when the paths are improved in the spring. All citizens may contact the city if it had been longer than 24 hours for snow removal.
8. No Announcements.
9. Traffic Calming – Ben Weiss, Missoula Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Manager, reported that the bus stop on South and Queen will be moved from in front of the church to in front of Drum Coffee. This should help with the safety of pedestrians crossing there as they will more visible. Jeff Miller will meet with Ben to go over other traffic issues, calming circles, stop, yield and crossings signs and walks. Ben was asked by the team if he would do a presentation for the Spring General Meeting.