

University Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: February 6, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

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

Members Present: Julie Stephenson, Bryce Rowe, Jennifer Copley, Jeff Birkby, Peter Drakos,

Others Present: Jane Kelly (Office of Neighborhoods), Erika Byrne, Anna Potter (student ambassadors), Jordan Lyons, Director, UM Off-Campus Renter Center and Neighborhood Ambassadors, Kim Spurzem, survey designer, University of Montana, Ted Geilen (Recycling Works), Dori Gilels (University District resident).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting minutes were reviewed from the December 3, 2018 leadership team meeting. A motion was seconded and approved unanimously to accept the minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A representative from Recycling Works Inc. handed out information on this new company, which will be recycling glass and organic materials from residential homeowners in the University District. Some of the glass collected will be washed and reused. The majority of the glass will be shipped to a processing plant in Salt Lake City, where it is turned into fiberglass or beer bottles. These products will then be shipped back to Missoula to be used locally. The organic matter collected will be taken to the city-owned composting facility in Missoula, where it will be turned into compost to be used locally.

Peter Drakos reported on a meeting held by the Montana Department of Transportation on the status of the Higgins bridge rehabilitation. The project will be done in 2020, and will include wider pedestrian/bike lanes.

Jeff Birkby reported on the Local Government Leadership Academy that is being attended by three members of the University District Leadership Team. This eight-session workshop explores the workings of the Missoula local government. Sessions attended so far included discussions on role of the mayor and city council, fire/police departments, parks & recreation, local housing issues, and local schools.

Bryce Attended the Community Forum meeting last month. Minutes from this meeting are available on the City of Missoula website.

Maurice Avenue will be chip sealed this coming year. Perhaps this is an opportunity to ask the city for some speed reduction mitigation items to be installed.

Office of Neighborhoods—Jane Kelly

Neighborhood Bus Tour—the neighborhood bus tour will be held the third Thursday in April from 5pm to 8pm. Southgate/Farviews/Miller Creek neighborhoods will be on this year’s tour. Several leadership team members asked to be put on the list to be part of the bus tour.

The two grants that the University District applied for in late 2018 have been approved. One grant will allow for the production of signage in Bonner Park to inform walkers of the distance around the perimeter of the park. The other grant will allow the Parks&Rec department to install wayfinding bollards along the Kim Williams/Milwaukee Road trail. The Office of Neighborhoods will be working on contracts for these two projects.

Earth Day—April 20th. MUD will have an exhibit from 2-4 pm. Office of Neighborhoods will have a booth there.

Jordan Lyons—Montana Ambassadors

Jordan discussed the work of the Montana Ambassadors to develop a survey to better determine the neighborhood priorities in the University District. They are working with Kim Spurzem from the University of Montana to develop this survey. A discussion ensued on what questions to ask on the survey, and whether it is better to do a door-to-door survey or some kind of mailing. Jordan will work with a subgroup of University District leadership team members to further refine this survey.

Sunday, April 14th from 2 to 4 pm will be the Neighborhood Ambassador’s Ice Cream Social

NEXT MEETING

The next leadership team meeting in early March. Julie will send out a Doodle poll to determine the best date. A major topic at that meeting will be planning a general meeting for the entire neighborhood for April 2019.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm
