

Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2008 7:00 PM

The Chairman, Mr. Matt Baldassin, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mrs. Carole Ulrigg, Mr. Bob Avery, Mr. Hans Christianson, Mr. Ryan Sutherland, and Mr. Ed Childers (8:00 arrival) were present. Mr. Baldassin made a motion to nominate Mr. Sutherland to take minutes for this meeting. Mr. Avery seconded.

The February minutes were not available for approval.

Mr. Christianson gave the treasurer's report - our account balance is \$731.76 in addition to the \$2000 McCloud Park grant. There is also an expense that Carole is going to look into that may create a discrepancy in the remaining balance and so the approval of this report is pending that additional information.

Old Business

Mr. Christianson and Mr. Avery gave a report about the Bellevue Park Development. Currently we are in the process of researching the history of this area.

Mr. Baldassin, Mr. Christianson and Mr. Sutherland then reported about the Neighborhood Council Training Series that the city has been conducting (one session each in February, March and April). Mr. Baldassin expressed his opinion of the February orientation and was very encouraged by Ms. LaNette Diaz's (*neighborhood council liason*) vision for the neighborhoods of Missoula. Mr. Christianson said that he had felt that it was stuff he has heard in the past since he has been doing this for a long time, but he heard there were a lot of first time folks that enjoyed it. Mr. Sutherland expressed that it was a good orientation to how neighborhoods function. Mr. Baldassin then encouraged the leadership team to attend the 2 upcoming sessions in March & April.

Mr. Baldassin then introduced Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Sutherland shared a bit about his background and why he wants to be part of the leadership team. Mr. Avery then nominated him to the position of secretary and Mr. Christianson seconded. He will be formally recommended and voted on by the whole council at the April meeting.

The leadership team discussed the website. All agreed that it needs to be updated more often and someone probably needs to be in charge of it. Mr. Sutherland was willing to do this since he will be posting minutes to the website anyway. He can update it easily since he'll have the information from the meetings that need to go up. Mrs. Ulrigg is also willing to help with the website.

New Business

The leadership team discussed the April 9 General Meeting. We began by discussing the proposed itinerary. Considerable time was spent discussing the idea of creating a neighborhood vision statement to present at the main meeting in April. Mrs. Ulrigg made a motion to approve the proposed agenda (with the modifications) for the April 9 meeting and Mr. Avery seconded - the team voted unanimously to approve.

Next we discussed the distribution of the newsletter. All materials need to be to Mrs. Ulrigg for distribution by the 20th of March. Recommendations for a vision statement to Carole by the 15th. The signs need to have the dates changed. Mr. Christianson made a motion to have Sign Pro update the signs (not sure of exact cost) and Mr. Baldassin seconded - unanimous vote followed.

The team agreed upon the following expenditures for the meeting: **1) Newsletter Mailing** - Mrs. Ulrigg will get the copies made at Staples and wants to make color copies and on legal size. She does not have an exact cost for the copying. Mr. Christianson made the motion to approve these upgrades and the team unanimously agreed to use legal paper & color. **2) Snacks** - 4 dozen cookies and several dozen bottles of water are needed. Mr. Baldassin will take care of buying the snacks for the meeting. Mr. Christianson made a motion to spend \$50 or less on snacks and Mr. Baldassin seconded and the team voted unanimously.

The team discussed the need for someone to talk to the mall service office to find out if we can get more seating and how to control the temperature. Mr. Christianson agreed to do this.

Other New Business

Mr. Christianson brought up the suggestion by LaNette Diaz that we should have general meetings every month. There was some discussion on the matter, but it was decided to table this for the next meeting. Mr. Christianson announced that the mayor is having a meeting about affordable housing in the Council Chambers at 7pm on March 13.

Mr. Baldassin moved to adjourn the meeting around 9:00 pm. Mr. Sutherland seconded.