

Minutes of the University Council Leadership Team, July 7, 2020

Agenda Item 1: Welcome

With Marley Merchen (Community Outreach assistant) acting as ZOOM host, Dori called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM after some computer connection problems. In attendance were Dori Gilels (co-chair), Darcy Caron (co-chair), Rick Caron, Jennifer Copley (acting secretary), Bryce Rowe (Treasurer), and Jordan Lyons (ASUM Neighborhood Ambassador Program Director.)

Agenda Item 2: Approval of June 9, 2020 Minutes

Rick Caron moved and Bryce Rowe seconded the approval of minutes from June 9.

Agenda Item 3: Treasurer's Report

Bryce Rowe reported that the University District had no new expenditures. Neighborhood councils enter the new fiscal year as of July 1.

Agenda Item 4: Community Forum Report & U District Neighbors United COVID19

Bryce Rowe and Jennifer Copley alternate attendance at Community Forum meetings. However, Community Forum, like other agencies of city government, will not meet in person in the foreseeable future. The Office of Neighborhoods will let us know when the next Community Forum meeting will occur and what format will be used.

Bryce said the COVID19 group will meet later this month at 5:30 on 16th of July at Bonner Park.

Agenda Item 5: ASUM Report

Jordan, ASUM, asked Marley to give the report from the campus. The group reports that it is trying to figure out how to have meetings, while honoring social distancing. They are available to distribute the newsletter.

Jordan said that Neighborhood Ambassadors have been in touch with folks complaining about partying of a UM soccer team.

Agenda Item 6. Office of Neighborhoods Report

Office of Neighborhoods reported that Kelly Colin Woodrow will replace Jane in the position of Program Coordinator as of July 13.

Agenda Item 7. Review Newsletter Content, Printing, and Distribution Plans

Dori mentioned that we had talked at our last meeting about using unused 2019 funds for a summer newsletter, so Marley will look into whether or not we can use the old funds for the newsletter in this fiscal year. Marley said she will let the U District team know which funds are available for the newsletter. Bryce will send information via a group email so members can weigh a final decision. Dori wants to add a remark in the newsletter about support for one another. She also wants to name resources that will help us be good neighbors to one another and add Black Lives Matter concerns to the newsletter. Darcy may add websites that Jordan will share.

Dori asked Marley to check on the more efficient method of printing and having Alpha Graphics mail the newsletter. Marley said that other neighborhoods have sent out newsletters and will check on how the

U District can do the same. She will get in touch with the city printing office to find out costs for printing the materials and lets us know via email.

Darcy would like to get the newsletter out this week. The group agreed with verbal assent.

Alternatively, ASUM students could help distribute the newsletter. Jennifer, Dori, and Julie, Rick also volunteered to help distribute newsletters. Jordan reminded us that anyone handing out the newsletter may not put the newsletter in mailboxes.

Members requested that Marley help us email the newsletter to members who have given us their email address. Marley said she can get do this to help us reach more people.

Agenda Item 8. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Jessica Tuberty (Bike and Pedestrian Board) asked us to add information about her programs and concerns to the University District newsletter.

Missoula County, she said, seeks public input on planning for the Highway 200 corridor and long-range sidewalk development. The deadline for comments is July 30.

The Neighborhoods Greenways meeting suggested that we use [EngageMissoula.com](https://www.engagemissoula.com) for other ideas about expressing our views and getting involved.

Jessica asked us to check out what the Franklin Neighborhood Council has done with the addition of planters along their greenways. She suggested that fliers could be mailed to all who live on Gerald to let them know that they live in a “neighborhood greenway.”

Because of limited resources, “No Parking” painted designations at intersections, meant to improve visibility, are complaint based. Complaints should be directed to the traffic division of city government. This group meets to discuss problems arising in neighborhoods.

Jessica also asks us to include in the newsletter hints about how to become a carbon neutral city. One suggestion might be to put up backyard clothes lines to dry laundry. This is supposed to be one of the best ways to decrease a city’s power usage.

Dori suggested that the University District work on informing U District residents about the importance of watering boulevards and trees. We might, she added, ask University District residents for their own ideas about how to highlight the existence of the U District Greenway along Gerald.

Jennifer expressed concerns about people living in trailers that fold out and obstruct traffic. It was suggested that concerns be emailed to Ben Weiss in the Missoula Traffic Division.

Rick asked if we want to do something for Jane Kelly to honor her retirement. It was decided to that Rick will pick up a plant and flowers and send a note. Kelly Elam get Kelly’s Address for Rick.

Agenda Item 9: Announcements

We received an email about Voices for Housing 2.0, and Dori will attempt to get more information for the September meeting.

The decision was made to reconvene on Tuesday, September 1, via ZOOM at 6:30 PM. If other concerns arise, we might reconvene earlier.