

River Road Neighborhood Council Leadership Team

March Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 7, 2012 7:00 a.m.

VEMCO: 201 N. Russell, Missoula, 59801

Leadership Team attendees:

Jeremy Flesch, Chairperson
Dax Kuehn, Vice Chairperson
Chance Eaton, Secretary
Jesse Neidigh, Community Forum Representative
Melissa Steinike, Treasurer
Robin Spaziani, Communications
Andrea Kuehn, Special Projects

Other attendees:

Dave Shaw, Parks and Recreation

1. Items discussed

- a. **Secretary's Report by Chance**
- b. **Treasurer's Report by Melissa**
 - i. \$566.80 in General Budget Fund
 - ii. \$583.10 Mailing Budget
 - iii. **\$354 Reallocation Budget**
- c. **Community Forum Report by Jesse**
 - i. Community Forum is asking City Council to raise mailing budget by 10%
 - ii. Update on large grant allocations made
 - iii. Presentation on Russell Street
 - iv. Estimate 2 years of planning and break ground beginning year three and finish in five years
 - v. First phase to be from bridge to Wyoming
 - vi. 3rd street project planned to start same time and finish one year
 - vii. Bus-Walk-Bike week coming up
 - viii. **Training budget and needs discussed, in process of surveying needs of the Community Forum**
- d. **Possible Upcoming Events**
 - i. April 23-25: River Road Newsletter
 - ii. **May 8-10: Neighborhood Council Meetings**
 - iii. May 19: Neighborhood Clean Up Day
- e. **Milwaukee Trail**
 - i. Draft Contact Info letter sent to Dave Shaw of Parks and Recreation and Dusty Delridge from City Police Department. The draft letter provides contact **information for behavioral issues that occur along the trail. We are asking that both entities provide feedback for correct procedures and contact information.**
 - ii. Plan to invite Dave to our April 4th Leadership meeting
 - iii. **Action Item: Upon receiving the draft contact information letter, Chance will forward to Dax to submit onto the website.**
 - iv. **Action Item: Dax will update River Road Website with Milwaukee Trail information.**
 - v. **Boulevard Requirement**
 - vi. Last meeting included a discussion about the City Council looking to eliminate requirements for boulevard sidewalks on residential streets with traffic volume under 250 average daily trips.
 - vii. Since that meeting, the City Council reinstated original boulevard requirements.
- f. **Sunday Streets in our Neighborhood**
 - i. Sunday Streets looking to relocate one of the Higgins events to smaller community

- ii. Jeremy visited with Ben Weiss about instead of relocating to a smaller community to coincide a smaller River Road Sunday Streets that coincides with the larger Higgins event.
 - iii. Visited about the idea to tie in a block party at the same time to develop community development.
 - iv. Discussed potential streets that we could utilize.
 - v. **Action plan - Jeremy will learn more about what policies exist for Sunday street vendors.**
- g. Natural Grocers
 - i. New store going in on 3rd and Reserve.
 - ii. Unique products will include only organic foods, will carry local produce and meats, and nutritionist on site.
- h. Possible Grant Request Items along the trail
 - i. Jesse discussed grant request ideas about horseshoe pits and workout stations (pull-up bars, sit up benches, etc.).
- i. Grant Funding sources Emails from Jane
 - i. Discussion about how much the email are read. **Group decided that most of the emails on grants are about major grant opportunities that aren't applicable to our neighborhood.**

2. Any decisions by consensus/vote

3. Presentation—title and presenter

- a. Milwaukee Trail Updates from Dave Shaw
 - i. Motorized traffic on trail by Trail and Garfield streets.
 1. **We have installed a motion activated camera in an “undisclosed” location near the site. Our hope is that we can catch a photo of the illegal use of the trail and get a license plate or a least a vehicle description to send to Police.**
 2. I understand, from staff, reports, that the camera seems to be working but needs to be adjusted to get a good picture.
 3. **I'll keep you all updates on what happens with this.**
 - ii. Construction vehicles on trail by Grant Street
 1. Communicated with the developer of the site, Al Zepeda, about the dangers of equipment on the trail and his responsibility to keep them off and clean the trail.
 2. **I inspected the site today. It appears that the trail has been cleaned up as there is no longer dirt clods and loose dirt on the trail. There seems to still be some vehicles crossing the trail as there are obvious tracks in the snow leading up to it. I will make another request to Al to keep vehicles off.**
 - iii. White fog lines chipping off.
 1. We are well aware of this situation and will be working with the contractor **on a remedy this spring. We'll ensure that the trail is completed in a manner that honors the use of tax-payer dollars.**

4. Public comment on non-agenda items

5. Announcements

6. Duties assigned:

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- d. Action item: Jeremy will ask Dave Shaw to attend our April Leadership Team meeting.
- e. Action item: Jeremy will ask Jane Kelly to stop sending the Grant Funding e-mails to the RR Leadership Team.

Submitted by: Michelle Williamson