

Minutes
University District Neighborhood Council
Leadership Team Meeting
November 5, 2013

Welcome

All Leadership Team members in attendance (Dave Chrismon, Jerry Ballas, Katie Sullivan, John Sullivan, Tyler Smith and Hannah Toliver), including Jane Kelly, the City of Missoula Neighborhood Coordinator.

Minutes

The minutes were approved for the October 16, 2013 General Meeting.

Public Comment

A public comment, authored and emailed by Ian Lange, was read aloud by Jane Kelly at Mr. Lange's request. The email discusses the frequency of Mountain Line and UM buses which pass by the University. Additionally, the email expresses Mr. Langes's desire that the Mountain Line and UM bus systems unite in order to avoid overlap of services, save money, and improve air quality.

Jerry Ballas commented that both he and Dave Chrismon had recently attended the ASUM Transportation Board. At the Transportation Board meeting information was provided which was contradictory to the statements made in Mr. Lange's public comment. Mr. Ballas summarized the meeting to the LT. The advantages of the Mountain Line and ASUM bus systems were discussed by John Sullivan and Jerry Ballas.

Community Forum Report

Dave Chrismon gave a report on the latest Community Forum: (1) He discussed whether the LT should actively support all public comments made to the LT, even if they are not widely supported ideas. The LT had a discussion regarding how to properly handle public comments that are only the opinion of a few residents. Tyler Smith commented that the LT could act as facilitators of information. (2) Mr. Chrismon mentioned the social services ordinance regarding the incoming soup kitchen and that public comment was being collected. (3) We discussed MUDD. (4) We discussed the Neighborhood Project Fund and Jane Kelly's upcoming training. (5) We discussed the grant of \$3,000 for painting of University District signal boxes. (6) Other neighborhoods' grants and projects were reviewed. (7) Jerry Ballas discussed a grant to help clean and maintain the Jeanette Rankin Peace Park. Katie Sullivan agreed it could be good.

Report from Office of Neighborhoods

Jane Kelly discussed the ongoing efforts to help other Missoula neighborhoods get organized again. The LT was updated on the Neighborhood Project Fund, and upcoming training dates for Jane Kelly. The upcoming Neighborhood bus tour was discussed.

UM Neighborhood Ambassadors

Hannah Toliver updated the LT on ongoing efforts and events by the UM Ambassadors program. Outreach to student renters regarding parking and leaf collection was requested.

Report on General Meeting

All agreed the General Meeting went well and had good attendance.

ASUM Transportation Report

This had been discussed early under the Community Forum Report. Jerry Ballas reported that the recent ASUM Transportation Board meeting provided good information. The LT is interested in seeing the results of the Transportation study that is currently being conducted.

Traffic Signal Box Update

The funding was approved (\$3,000) for the University District signal box art. The art call will be in January or February. People can volunteer to see the possible art options. Interest was expressed that the signal box art possibly be themed or more representative of the University Neighborhood.

Neighborhood Survey

The survey will remain open until the next General Meeting. The LT discussed ways to promote the survey including another mailing. John Sullivan discussed an email blast for better outreach. Dave Chrismon discussed the idea of a newsletter paid for by local business advertising. Katie Sullivan discussed an ad for the survey in the Missoulian or on local T.V.

Budget

The Neighborhood Council budget was discussed. The LT discussed purchasing another sign to promote the next General Meeting. Dave Chrismon nominated Katie Sullivan to act as Secretary and Treasurer. She was approved. Dave Chrismon nominated Jerry Ballas to act as Co-Chair and he was approved. Katie Sullivan nominated herself as Community Forum Alternative and she was approved.

Jerry Ballas questioned how the City Council should notify the Neighborhood Councils on issues which affect the Neighborhoods, thereby allowing the Neighborhoods to adequately discuss the issues in advance. The LT agreed that some method should be used for notification. Jane Kelly questioned the Early Notice Rule.

Neighborhood Trees

Jerry Ballas received information on the tree removal and replanting. A Press Release was provided on the issue (City's Urban Forestry Division to replace 79 ailing street trees). The LT will ask Tyler Smith for more information on the topic.

Future Activities of Neighborhood Council

The LT would like to continue discussions on tree replacement, promotion of the survey, and survey results. The LT would like to have the Urban Forester at a future LT meeting.

Next General Meeting

The LT is aiming for Mid-March 2014.

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Possible placement of a speed-limit sign along Maurice Street where it meets with UM Campus was brought up by Katie Sullivan.

Adjournment