

Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: June 2, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Franklin Park
2100 10th Street
Missoula, MT 59801

Leadership Team Members in Attendance: Michelle Cares, Jake Gardner, Tim Streets, Matt Loomis

Others Present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, Mr. and Mrs. Brad May, Patricia Hogan

1. Missoula Community Wildlife Habitat Initiative – Darcy McKinley Lester, Wildlife and Sustainability Educator, National Wildlife Federation – Darcy explained the Missoula Community Wildlife Habitat Initiative. The Franklin to the Fort Leadership Team will be applying for certification on June 3, 2015 for Franklin Park.
2. Planning for Summer General Meeting – a plan for the upcoming general meeting was made. Michelle Cares will be creating a newsletter.
3. Discussion on Board of Adjustment Variance Request for 1665 S. 8th St. W – Matt Loomis moved to recommend the Board of Adjustment deny the variance request at 1665 S. 8th St. W. Tim Streets seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The leadership team will draft a letter with the recommendation and submit it prior to the deadline.
4. Community Forum Report – Michelle Cares – the Mayor discussed the budget and city reorganization. Donna Gaukler discussed the Parks and Trails Bond in regards to the playgrounds. Fireworks at Osprey field were also discussed. Opinions of the Franklin to the Fort leadership team were varied – some were in support and some were against fireworks at the baseball field. The general consensus of the F2F is in support of the Riverfront Neighborhood Council Leadership Team and looks forward to hearing more information on this topic.
5. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Jane Kelly gave an update on the activity in the Office of Neighborhoods.

6. New Business

a. F2F Budget –

- Michelle will purchase nonperishable food items and Matt will purchase burgers for the upcoming general meeting BBQ on 07/14/15.
- Michelle will use money from the budget to apply for certification as a wildlife habitat.
- Tim will contact Marilyn Marler about potential updates to the 8th Street Pocket Park
- Michelle will have the newsletter to the print shop by 06/15/15

b. Parks and Trails Bond

- Jake Gardner will place two sandwich boards near Franklin Park announcing the June 10, 2015, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Open House at City Life where park improvements will be discussed. Tim is planning on attending the meeting.
- The parks and trails bond will be added to the digest.
- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was not awarded

7. Public comment on non-agenda items - None

8. Announcements – the next leadership team meeting will be held on July 7, 2015 at Franklin Park

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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What is important to the Franklin to Fort Neighbors?

1. Missing curbs and sidewalks/ADA concerns - 33 Votes
2. Update on status of Forest Service Depot - 9 Votes
3. Russell St. update - 7 Votes
4. Municipalization of water system - 7 Votes
5. Neighborhood Greenways - 6 Votes
6. Franklin Park upgrades - 5 Votes
7. 5th and 6th Street proposals - 5 Votes
8. Q&A with Urban Forester - 5 Votes
9. Urban deer - 4 Votes
10. Update on 3rd St. reconstruction - 4 Votes
11. Neighborhood Watch - 4 Votes