



Rose Park Neighborhood Council

General Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2015 – Washington Middle School

Rose Park Neighborhood Council met at Washington Middle School on Wednesday, September 23rd. Pizza & water was served at 6:00 p.m., a general neighborhood meeting started at 6:30 p.m..

Welcome & Introductions

RPNC LT Co-Chair John Pilsworth welcomed those in attendance & introduced the current Rose Park NC Leadership Team (John Pilsworth, Gwen Jones, Julie Devlin, Mike Painter), Jane Kelly with the City's Office of Neighborhoods & the city council representatives in attendance (John Wilkins & Patrick Weasel Head from Ward 4 & Alex Taft from Ward 3).

Neighborhood Council Projects Report

John Pilsworth asked representatives of the neighborhood or of neighborhood projects to give a brief report on projects of interest to the neighborhood which have been topics of discussion & work for the neighborhood council's leadership team:

- Ivy Community Garden (pictures provided by Jane Kelly)
- Urban Forest Master Plan / Neighborhood Council Tree Committee (Chris Boza, Urban Forester)
- Missoula Community Wildlife Habitat Initiative (Sarah Bates, National Wildlife Federation)
- Clark Fork Native Prairie (Gwen Jones, RPNC LT)
- Stephens Bus Stop Improvement – Missoula Aging Services (Eileen Sansom)

Office of Neighborhood Report

Jane Kelly gave a history of Missoula's City Charter & its provision for neighborhood councils. She encouraged Rose Park neighbors in attendance to consider serving on the Leadership Team (which is intended to have 5 to 7 members).

Jane also encouraged neighborhood council residents to attend the upcoming City Council Candidate Forum, scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 1st, at Paxson School (101 Evans).

Missoula County Public Schools Bond Issue

Craig Henkel, Principal of Washington Middle School, and Dylan Haggart, Sentinel High School Student Trustee to the Missoula County Public School Board, discussed the MCPS bond issue which will be on the ballot this fall. Principal Henkel & Dylan outlined the facilities needs at Washington Middle School & Sentinel High School which would be addressed if the bond issue passed.

Missoula County Office of Elections

Rebecca Connors, Election Administrator for Missoula County, discussed the upcoming election & the Election Office's efforts to streamline the voting process and improve voter turnout. Rebecca

introduced Carol Bellin, who has worked as an election judge since 2003. Carol encouraged neighborhood residents to consider applying to be an election judge, as they are always in need of additional judges.

St. Joseph's School Playground / Park

Principal Rick Hyland & Kelly Garrett (4th Grade Teacher) discussed the ongoing problems St. Joseph's is having with dogs at the school – including dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs and injuries caused by dogs off-leash and/or unsupervised. Neighborhood residents were asked to contact St. Joseph's with any ideas they have regarding how to better manage dogs on school property without closing the playground / park area to dogs altogether.

Rose Park Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Elections

Jane Kelly opened up the floor to nominations or volunteers for members of the Rose Park NC Leadership Team. Current Leadership Team members Gwen Jones, John Pilsworth & Clare Wood would not be able to serve for the next 2-year term; current LT members Julie Devlin & Mike Painter are able to continue on the Leadership Team if elected. Rose Park residents Margaret Mallino, Kelly Garrett & Tate Jones agreed to have their names submitted for consideration. The five nominees were elected by voice vote with no dissensions.

City Council Candidate Introductions (Ward 3 & Ward 4)

Candidates for City Council representatives for Ward 3 & Ward 4 who were in attendance introduced themselves & gave a brief report on their community involvement and interest in serving on City Council. Those candidates included Gwen Jones (Ward 3) and John Dibari & Patrick Weasel Head, running in Ward 4.

Current City Council Representatives (Ward 3 & Ward 4) Question & Answer

Alex Taft (Ward 3), Jon Wilkins & Patrick Weasel Head (Ward 4) discussed their tenure serving on City Council & some current community projects of note.

Public comment

Rachel (no last name recorded) informed those in attendance that a local group – Soft Landing Missoula – was working to help place 10 refugee Syrian families in Missoula. Residents interested in assisting with that effort were encouraged to contact the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center.

Submitted by Painter.