

University District Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: August 18, 2016
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Lewis and Clark Village
Community Room
3000 S. Higgins Ave.
Missoula, MT 59801

Leadership Team Members Present: Jerry Ballas, Dave Chrismon, Jeff Birkby, Peter Drakos (Interim)

Others Present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, John Fletcher, John Snively

- 6:30 Welcome and Introductions were done
- 6:31 Approval of Minutes of June Meeting – the June minutes were approved as posted
- 6:32 Correspondence- none
- 6:33 Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - John Fletcher discussed the University Neighborhood Ice Cream Social. Fletcher said that attendance has been declining the past three years. Not many University District residents attend the event, or help with it. The Thoughtful Neighbors will not hold the event this year. The event has been running for 14 years with only a couple of people doing most of the work.
If the University District wants to continue the social, new volunteers are needed. Fletcher did say he greatly appreciates the financial support given by residents of the University District (about \$600). Fletcher would be happy to train others how to run the Ice Cream Social in the future.
Fletcher volunteered to talk about the Ice Cream Social during our general meeting in the fall.
- 6:40 ASUM Neighborhood Ambassadors Update - Kathrine Auge has resigned as UM Neighborhood Ambassador Leader. She has taken a job with Missoula in Motion. A replacement for Kathrine Auge should be hired this fall.

6:45 Report on Jeannette Rankin Park – Katie Sullivan - The memo from the Dept. of Highways was passed around. LT members were glad to see the plan moving forward, and happy that the Dept. of Highways will not be using the park as a staging area and equipment storage while they work on the bridge. LT members thought that we should still keep pushing the Dept. of Highways to move forward with the plan, and finish the park as soon as they can. We also need to ask the Missoula Parks and Rec on how we can use volunteers to help move things along more quickly.

6:50 Office of Neighborhoods Report – Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator - Sept 13 is the workshop/training on how to apply for neighborhood grants. Large Grant applications are due October 25. Large Grants of \$3,000 each are available--\$18,000 total available. (Small grants of \$500 can be applied for any time) Stories and Stones will be held at the Cemetery from 12-4 pm on September 18th.

7:00 Budget and Calendar Review – Dave Chrismon -The University District now has a new budget for Fiscal Year 2017 (which covers July 2106 through June 2017). We must cover at least two general meetings a year out of our budget, including mailing costs. \$800 is usually allocated for refreshments at the meetings. Up to \$5,000 at the end of the year of unused funds goes into reallocated funds in the Office of Neighborhoods. Individual neighborhood districts can apply for this money for any appropriate use. This can include an information/education campaign, meeting expenses (if not covered in other budgets), or other worthwhile projects. Jeff and Peter will brainstorm on some possible ideas on how we could use this money in the University District, and talk to Parks and Rec for their suggestions on what we might apply for. One idea is to get better signs on all of the trailheads in the University District.

7:10 Community Forum Report – Dave Chrismon gave a report on the Community Forum. A new storm water utility is being discussed for Missoula. This would be separate from the city sewer system. Update on Tourist Homes licensing in Missoula. Lots of interest in this issue, concern about unlicensed/illegal tourist homes. Possibly invite someone to speak about Tourist Homes at the next University District General Meeting in the fall.

7:30 Next General Meeting Planning - The following ideas were proposed for the next General Meeting agenda. We will finalize it at the next Leadership Team Meeting on September 19

- *Gwen will present the results of the University District neighborhood survey on home zoning issues (30 minutes)
- *Elections of new members—Jerry will run this (10 minutes)
- *Traffic Calming Circles—Jane will give an update on adoption, grants available.
- *Ice Cream Social—discussion on continuing this, who will lead the event
- *Tourist homes—Missoula and University District issues
- *Group brainstorming on setting priorities for University District issues—30 minutes
- *Parking issues near UM and Hellgate and South Campus—do we still have problems that need discussed?
- *Progress on new Missoula College. Parking issues still a concern for University District?
- *Q&A with City Council members

7:50 Next Leadership Team Meeting Planning – not discussed

7:55 Adjournment

Submitted by: Jeff Birkby