

Riverfront Neighborhood Council

General Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2016

Time: 5:30- 7:30 pm

Location: **FREE CYCLES**
732 S. 1ST STREET WEST
Missoula, MT 59802

Moderator: *Jonathan Qualben*, **Timekeeper:** *Janet McMillan*, **Minutes:** *Jeff Rice*

Leadership Team Members Present: *Mary LaPorte, Ed Nolder, Jonathan Qualben, Jeff Rice, Janet McMillian, Caleb Kasper, Britt Arnesen*

Others Present: *Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, Julie Lennox, Head of Missoula International School, Bob Giordano, MIST, Dale McCormick, Extraordinary Events Committee, Ben Weiss, Bike/Ped Program, Kevin Slovarp, City Engineer*

Pizza was served

Attendance: approximately 41

I. **Approval of Minutes, Leadership Team, September 12:** *Britt Arnesen*

The minutes were approved as posted.

II. **Missoula International School Update:** *Julie Lennox, Head of School*

Julie presented conceptual architectural drawings. The plan is to deconstruct over the next 4 months. Final design plans might be complete by January. They are hopeful to break ground on the school in summer 2017 and be ready for school to open fall 2018.

Riverfront Neighborhood Council will be requesting to review the plans from developmental services.

III. **Free Cycles Update:** *Bob Giordano gave an update on the activities at Free Cycles.*

IV. **5th/6th Street Traffic Study Update:** *Caleb Kasper, Ben Weiss, Bike/Pedestrian Program Manager*

Ben Weiss announced that the best option after a study from ALTA is to keep traffic flowing with a 2 way conversion with turn lane. This option likely does not include bike lanes on 5th and 6th Streets. However, ALTA is also working on a City Bike Plan that would include developing neighborhood "Green Ways" for bicycle and pedestrian travel.

There will be a Public Meeting on Thursday, November 3rd at 5:30 pm Senior Center at 705 South Higgins to show results from the study.

V. **Clegg Lane Improvements:**

A Clegg Lane redesign from Hickory Street to Orange Street will narrow the road and remove bike lanes. The sidewalks will be widened in these areas to accommodate bikes and walking. The goal is to narrow the road so that automobiles travel slower. Plan will finalize design and put it out to bid this winter. Construction by next summer from Hickory to McCormick Park. From McCormick Park to Orange Street will be done in the years following.

Kevin Slovarp is not sure when the light signal at Clegg and Orange Street will be put in.

VI. **Neighborhood Signage project:** *Jeff Rice (10 minutes)*

Recommendation of Leadership team, Sept. 12

Item removed as further options are explored

VII. Fireworks, Noise, & City Noise Ordinance: *Dale McCormick, Gwen Jones*

Gwen updated us that on August 31st the Need to Breathe concert was asked to turn down the music but did not. Management on staff at the park was unsure how to handle the band not turning down music. The Mayor's Office has now put processes into place for park staff as to whom to call if future bands do not comply.

Caleb has requested for technology to be looked into that will measure music levels right at Osprey Park so that it can be real time to enforce the sound ordinance. There was a vote amongst the attendees and it was unanimously approved to proceed with this item.

Dale pointed out that the sound ordinance specifically excludes Fireworks.

Gwen suggested that the Riverfront Neighborhood Council Leadership Team present these issues to her formally and specifically in writing.

Gwen noted that there is currently a handshake agreement with a cap of 4 fireworks nights per season for the Osprey team.

VIII. Neighborhood Grant request: *Gwen Hoppe*

Recommendation of Leadership Team, Sept. 12

Ms. Hoppe presented information about the grant request. Mary LaPorte moved that the Riverfront Neighborhood Council heartily endorse this grant proposal for the 3rd phase of the Riverfront mural. The motion was seconded by Jonathon Qualben. The neighborhood unanimously concurred with the Leadership Team's recommendation for full support of this grant proposal.

IX. September Community Forum: Ed Nolder gave an update on the most recent community meeting.

X. Office of Neighborhoods Report: Jane Kelly reported that there is a new Missoula neighborhood being delineated called Two Rivers.

XI. New Business - None

XII. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Gwen Jones announced that an ordinance has started (soft start) regarding the short term tourism rentals within the City. It is in the early stages and something to keep an eye on. Suggestions and complaints should be sent to her.

Amy Rapp, candidate for state house in Great Falls, introduced herself and mentioned that she is working on a project for a sustainability class.

Tracy O'Reilly, Riverfront resident, commented about the construction of high rises along the riverfront blocking Missoula's "historic view shed" of the skyline view from the river.

**XIII. Announcements: Special Leadership Team Meeting Oct. 17, 5:30 pm, Bernice's Bakery
Next Leadership Team Meeting after that is November 14th, 5:30pm, Bernice's Bakery**

Submitted by: Mary LaPorte and Britt Arnesen