

# **Riverfront Neighborhood Council Leadership Team**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Monday, January 9th, 2017**

**Time: 5:30- 6:30 pm**

**Location:** **Bernice's Bakery**  
**190 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. W**  
**Missoula, MT 59802**

**Attendance: Leadership Team:** Mary LaPorte, Jonathan Qualben, Caleb Kasper, Jeff Rice,

**Others:** Bridget O'Connor—Riverfront resident, Ben Weiss—Bike Ped Manager, Jane

Kelly—Neighborhood Coordinator, Gwen Jones—Ward 3 Representative

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### **I. Approval of December 12, 2016 LT Minutes: Jeff**

Approved

### **II. Office of Neighborhoods Report: Jane**

Jane handed out Tourist Home information, 2017 Downtown Calendars, and also announced that “Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer Award” nominations close on February 8.

### **III. Planning for 2017**

- i. Priority Issues**
- ii. General Meeting – Number & Timing**

We will hold off on deciding a time and location for the next General Meeting

- iii. LT Member Roles, continued**

### **IV. Next Steps: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Safety and Transportation Analysis: Ben Weiss (invited) Gwen Jones (invited) , Caleb Kasper**

Ben will be meeting with businesses and residents on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> that will be impacted by any adjustment. He will be fielding requests from these individuals to pass along to the consultant for incorporation of the design. Ben hopes to have interviews done this month and the report ready for next month.

Gwen reviewed highlights from the council meeting and shared that the motion passed was that (paraphrase) staff will develop a preferred alternative based loosely on 1C after input from business and property owners along the streets while keeping costs as low as possible.

Long Range Transportation Plan and Master Bike Plan are currently open for comment on [www.activatemissoula.com](http://www.activatemissoula.com) until February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Caleb motioned (Mary seconds) that a member of the leadership team will write a letter to the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization). The group authorizes Caleb to write on our behalf with the following items

- re-categorization in the LRTP for 1C
- allowance for a future 2 way conversion for the streets

There was unanimous approval from the group for this motion.

## **V. Community Forum Report: Mary**

Discussed. The last Community Forum was the holiday party.

## **VI. Announcements**

Gwen shared that the Missoula International School (MIS) has purchased the property on 3<sup>rd</sup> street. MIS met with Missoula Park & Rec to propose a partnership regarding a Community Center used by the city in the off hours of MIS operation.

There was study done regarding this partnership and it showed a community center run by the City of Missoula could sustain on its own however it would not generate enough income to pay the rent to MIS for the space. It is unlikely for a partnership to develop between MIS and the City for a community space.

The focus has now shifted for building a Community Center behind Currents.

## **VII. New Business**

Nothing new

## **VIII. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Jonathan commented regarding recent plow frequency and that he has an acquaintance in the south hills that had his street plowed 5 times before ours were plowed at all. Jonathan had called into the city and they had a plow truck out 2 days later.

***Next LT Meeting: Monday, February 13, 2017 5:30pm at Bernice's Bakery***

Minutes submitted by Jeff Rice

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Ben Weiss, Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Manager  
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