

University District Neighborhood Council Leadership Team

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9, 2017

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Lewis and Clark Villages Community Room
3000 S. Higgins Ave
Missoula, MT 59801

Leadership Team Members Present: Tony LaPlante, Katie Sullivan, Jeff Birkby, Dave Chrismon, Julie Stephenson

Others Present: Jane Kelly (Office of Neighborhoods), Mary O'Malley (ASUM Neighborhood Ambassadors), Gwen Jones (Ward 3 City Council Representative)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. The meeting [Minutes of November 7, 2016](#) were approved.
3. Correspondence
4. Public comment on non-agenda items
5. ASUM Neighborhood Ambassadors' Update—Mary O'Malley discussed the recent activities of the Ambassadors.
6. Office of Neighborhoods Report—Jane Kelly reported that she had received about 160 applications for the Program Assistant position in her office.
7. Community Forum Report—Katie Sullivan and Dave Chrisman gave an update on the old EKO Compost (now Garden City Compost owned by the City) and expanding tool shed, and the status of Free Cycles in terms of their lease to own space.
8. Grant Report for Jeannette Rankin Park Improvements Funded—Julie Stephenson and Dave Chrismon reported that the recent grant for \$2200 was approved to purchase two benches and two trash receptacles. There was also discussion about the Franklin to Fort Neighborhood grant in the amount of \$500.
9. Working Group Looking at Neighborhood Character Issues—Tony LaPlante reported on the events of a meeting held by Gwen Jones discussing neighborhood issues in a round table/open group style.

10. Nominations for Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer, Individual and Group –
Dave Chrismon discussed the nomination process and how the award was a great way to recognize individual citizens for their efforts in the neighborhood.

11. Reports on Neighborhood Priorities Research by Leadership Team

i. Tree removal, replacement and maintenance – Dave Chrismon contacted City Urban Forester Chris Boza, who confirmed that the master tree plan was complete and that the neighborhood council can review it and voice any questions/concerns related to the plan.

ii. Tourist homes –the tourist home information card that was distributed to the group by Jane Kelly was discussed.

iii. Trash can containers enforcement – Katie Sullivan will conduct additional research regarding this topic and revisit it in the future.

iv. Sidewalk snow removal and sidewalk maintenance – Julie Stephenson, Dave Chrismon and Mary O’Malley discussed schedules for snow removal program. Mary gave specific examples of what her office snow removal program includes.

v. Trail head signs/improvements – Jeff Birkby is planning to talk to the City about possibly merging City maps/trail systems/signage with the University’s.

vi. Noise issues – Mary O’Malley discussed her meetings with individual UM fraternities/sororities and the Quality of Life Officer, the noise level seems to have decreased since.

vii. Trash and furniture in yards/alleys – Tony LaPlante discussed various options to dispose of trash/furniture left behind by tenants. Places such as Goodwill, Donation Warehouse, etc. were a few examples of places that will pick up the items if an appointment is made.

viii. Support of neighborhood business – Tony LaPlante discussed ways in which the University District occupants can support their local businesses and will contact Development Services for a list of businesses.

12. Next Leadership Team Meeting Planning

13. Adjournment