

## **Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 24, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Grace United Methodist Church

1756 S 10<sup>th</sup> St W

Missoula, MT 59801

Leadership Team members present: Tim Street, Matt Loomis, Connie Lewis, Andrea Dahl, Brad May, Mykal Funk

Others present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator; Annelise Hedahl, Michelle Cares, Marilyn Marler, and Jon Wilkins, City Council Representatives; Patricia Hogan; Nick Shontz, Tod Gass, Annette Marchesseault, Ellen Buchanan, MRA; Peter Walker-Kelleher, DJ&A Engineers; Lisa Beczkiewicz, Missoula Health Department; Kaia Peterson, NeighborWorks Montana

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1. Jane Kelly with the City Office of Neighborhoods gave the welcome and history of the neighborhood councils in Missoula.
2. Ben Weiss, City Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Manager, was unable to attend to speak about greenways. He will reschedule for a later date.
3. Peter Walker-Kelleher with DJ&A Engineers gave an update on the Clark Street sidewalk project. Sidewalks are now being installed between Livingston and Agnes Streets and also between Clark and Eaton Streets. An open house will be held at the Welcomma Club to review plans and discuss any issues.
4. Lisa Beczkiewicz, Missoula Invest Health director, and Kaia Peterson, NeighborWorks Montana gave a report on the neighborhood survey results. They explained that the survey was done to gain a better understanding of what the neighborhood is interested in, what health issues are present and what action can be taken to improve those issues. There is great interest in a **community center and additional small local businesses and cafés**. A walk around was conducted in November to locate areas where improvement is needed. Funding is a concern moving forward with the project.
5. Ellen Buchanan and Annette Marchesseault with Missoula Redevelopment Agency gave an update on the Mary Avenue project. Residents expressed their

concerns about the project. A public meeting to discuss the issues will be held on January 31, 2017 at the Welcoma Club.

6. The City Council Representatives answered questions that included topics about the deer population at Franklin Park, buses not stopping at railroad crossings in the neighborhood, and concerns over the lack of snow removal.
7. Jane Kelly gave an explanation of the Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year Award and encouraged everyone to make a nomination.
8. Caitlin Gravelle was nominated by Matt Loomis for the Leadership Team election and seconded by Charlie Ernst. She was elected unanimously.
9. Public comment on non-agenda items included:
  - a. How do you put in sidewalks without city planning?
  - b. How do you get traffic calming circles in you intersection?
  - c. Concerns about bulb-outs and bike safety.
10. Announcements-none

Attendance of approximately 78 people.