

Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Rosauers
2350 S. Reserve St.
Missoula, MT 59801

Leadership Team Attendees: *Brad May, Andrea Dahl, Connie Lewis, Matt Loomis*

Others Present:

*Jane Kelly - Office of Neighborhoods;
Andy Maier and Patricia Hogan - neighborhood residents;
Michelle Cares – Missoula City Council*

- 1) Approval of March 27, 2017 meeting minutes.
- 2) Mountain Line Strategic Plan report. Andrea described the April 27 meeting. Attendees participated in a planning game in which teams endeavored to prepare a plan for an imaginary city, using limited resources. Attendees heard presentation describing how transit planners evaluate data and quantify a concept of “productivity.” Brad and Patricia also attended the meeting, representing Franklin to the Fort. Two more meetings will be held at dates to be determined, and featuring broader public participation.
- 3) Tree Advisory Committee report. Brad is on this committee, which is working with City Forester Chris Boza to plan gradual replacement of the city’s aging Norway Maple population. Working from a list of 130 approved tree species, each neighborhood will develop a unique “palette” of 25 species (small, medium, and large). A report will be presented at the general meeting, and further citizen participation may be solicited.
- 4) Discuss day care center conditional use request. The City of Missoula Development Services has received a request from Stuart Armstrong of Camp Fire Western Montana in order to operate a day care center at 2200 S 10th St W in the former church building at the southwest corner of Franklin Park. City code requires day care centers with 13 or more enrollees in residential districts to obtain conditional use approval.

The developer proposes to improve streets and sidewalks. Zoning will require 12 parking spaces. We were told that some neighbors have concerns about traffic, loss of parking spaces alongside the park, and children’s safety alongside the irrigation ditch.

The city mailed notices of the variance request to 8 houses within the required notification zone. (Park space occupies the remainder of the zone.) Without taking a position for or against, the team decided to coordinate door knocking to further notify neighbors in the area. Michelle will prepare a concise hand-out; Matt and Brad will do the leg work.

- 5) Plan for July 18, 2017 general meeting at Franklin Park. Topics may include: Updates on Invest Health project, tree advisory committee, new triangle park on Johnson Street, sidewalk inventory from Jessica Morris of Development Services, and filling a Leadership Team vacancy.

Brad will investigate food service options. Final planning will be done at an LT meeting on June 20.

- 6) Public comment on non-agenda items. Jane gave a brief report on the Community Forum April 20, 2017 Bus Tour “Missoula revealed.”
- 7) Community Forum report. Jane stated that the Forum heard presentations on 1) commercial design standards, and 2) community health assessment.
- 8) Office of Neighborhoods report. Jane will go to Minneapolis for community training.
- 9) Announcements. None.

The next meeting will be June 20, 2017, 6:00, at Rosauers. The main topic will be planning for the July 18, 2017 General Meeting.

Minutes submitted by Brad May.