

## River Road Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: December 7, 2017

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Lifelong Learning Center, Room 116  
320 S. Curtis St.  
Missoula, MT 59801

Present: Jesse Neidigh, Kim Walterskirchen, Nick Shontz, Dustin Schwarz, Julie Merritt, Kevin O'Brien (MUD), Karen Gasvoda (Office of Neighborhoods)

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1. The [October 30, 2017](#) meeting minutes were approved.
2. Reflection on the Healthy Missoula Symposium – Jesse Neidigh  
Jesse noted during his mic-time on the panel that the city workers and officials can help by being flexible when policy and practice doesn't always lend itself to meeting the citizens' wants and needs.
3. Lighting along Curtis Street – Jesse Neidigh  
Jesse will follow-up with city on Curtis/River Road lighting in December.
4. Update on Neighborhood Project Grants – Karen Gasvoda  
Six of 12 were grants were funded. MUD's request not funded. Community Garden was funded in RR, although it did not have LT support as they were uninformed.
5. Plan for February general meeting
  - Attempt to set the location at Garden City Harvest Food Bank, Salvation Army, Lifelong Learning Center, or Home Resource Community Room.
  - Nick's going get catered food: maybe Riversong Gourmet, Ellie @ MUD BlackBear soups, Chameleon Food Truck, Bayern sponsored?
  - Possible Agenda Items: Development Svcs for new developments in RR - Wolf Glen, Coke site, Catlin Condos, what else?; Community Development Survey results - if ready; Garden City Harvest update on new buildings/plans, etc.; MUD to present who and what they are and offer, etc.
  - Karen will look into how much Two Rivers spent on newsletters vs. postcards
  - Maybe using compostable flatware and plates - Kevin is going to keep in touch with Garden City Compost about how it's working out for them
6. Newly elected Councilperson – Julie Merritt
  - focused on keeping Russel St. project info flowing
  - learning a lot about what yet needs to be learned
7. New Business  
Hawthorne annexation and possibility of rekindling safe pathways conversations

8. Public comment on non-agenda items  
None
9. Community Forum Report – Nick Shontz
  - Laval on design stds
  - dementia friendly community
  - NP Grant funding
  - Training funding approval for Jane and Karen
  - December 21 - holiday party meeting in City Council Chambers - pizza and white elephant gift
10. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Karen Gasvoda  
Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award nominations are due in February.
11. Announcements  
None

Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator  
Karen Gasvoda, Program Assistant  
Julie Merritt, Ward 6 City Council Member Elect  
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