

Riverfront Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: 12 March 2018

Time: 5:30

Location: Jack Reidy Conference Room, 140 W. Pine St., Missoula

Present: Ramona Flightner, Nick Hofmann, Will McLauchlan, Janet McMillan, Ed Nolder, Jon Van Dyke, Jim Whitney, Jane Kelly, Karen Gasvoda, Page Good, Nick Holloway, Katie Klietz, Ross Mollenhauer, Matt Morgan, Kevin Ritchlin, Julie Robitaille, Courtney Sprunger, and Jerilyn Whitney

The minutes from the February 12, 2018, Leadership Team Meeting were approved.

Presentations:

Smart 911 – Nick Holloway

- This is a nationwide program to permit more precise notifications and responses to emergency situations.
- Three prongs –
 - Safety Profiles can be voluntarily filed and maintained.
 - Emergency Alerting tailored to specific locations and situations
 - Smart Preparation
- Used widely during various events in the county ranging from lost children to fire evacuations

Missoula Water Utilities – Ross Mollenhauer

- The Water Utility will replace the water main on South 4th Street between Higgins and Orange Streets.
- This will occur primarily in mid-April to mid-June.
- Trees will be protected or replaced as needed.
- New surface on one block from Higgins west, and then patching for the rest of 4th Street,

Russell Street Project – Katie Klietz and Courtney Sprunger

- The Russell Street project will begin shortly, and some preliminary utility work is already underway.
- New east span will be constructed first, with existing Russell Street bridge restricted to one-lane one-way traffic at times.
- Architectural and Engineering drawings were distributed noting the bridge and adjacent sidewalks, as well as the Riverfront Trail and the Milwaukee Trail underpass on Russell
- There will be sidewalks along Russell on both sides.
- Public Open House, March 19, 3:00 – 7:00 at the Salvation Army Bldg on Russell with more details available at that time.

Preserve Historic Missoula – Page Good and Matt Morgan

- Preserve Historic Missoula seeks nominations for historic designation of public or private buildings.
- Current concerns include the Military Museum at Fort Missoula, and last WPA bldg. in the County at the County Fairgrounds.

Missoula County Public Schools – Julie Robitaille (Operating Mill Levy)

- State and local funding requires additional levy for the operation of the Missoula County Public Schools
- The vote on the levy will be by mail ballot in April.
- High School Levy totals ~\$171,000 and the Elementary (K-8) Levy totals ~ \$305,000.
- Tax increase, along with adjustment will be somewhere just over \$5.00.
- Ballot drop off at County Fairgrounds (1101 S. Ave. W.) OR Missoula County Election Office (200 W. Broadway)

Kevin Ritchlin (Willard School Construction)

- Construction has begun on the New Willard School
- Completion should occur in August in time for school to begin.
- Additional facilities include gymnasium, culinary facilities, music practice rooms, and completely modernized facilities for instruction.

Regular Business

California Street Project and Urban Renewal District 2 – Ed Nolder

- WGM is continuing to evaluate and develop design alternatives.
- Expect to have a public meeting in April to assess design alternatives

Planned and discussed General Neighborhood Council Meeting – May 22, 2018, Silver Park.

- Will McLauchlan will develop the postcard announcement using a template.
- Sandwich boards (Ed and Will) should be displayed a week before the meeting.

No Public Comments on non-agenda items

Community Forum Report – Ed Nolder gave the report.

Office of Neighborhood report – Karen Gasvoda

- The April Bus Tour will include
 - Bob Giordano will discuss the 5th and 6th Street adjustments.
 - Linda McCarthy will discuss the Old Saw Mill District
 - A Speaker will outline the Natural History Center Programs

Announcements

- Jon Van Dyke indicated a widely-shared interest in developing coordinated dialogue with the Heart of Missoula Neighborhood when common (overlapping) interests permitted.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30.