

Heart of Missoula Neighborhood Council Leadership Team

Meeting Minutes

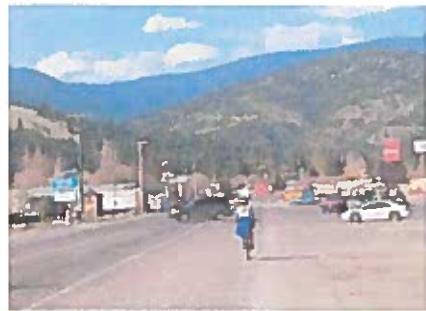
Date: March 15, 2018
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: The Jack Reidy Conference Room 140
W. Pine St.
Missoula, MT 59802
Present: Jane Kelly, Leah Morrow, Maurisa Phillips, Laurel Farrell, Dave Spildie

1. Everyone was welcomed and introductions were made.
2. February 15, 2018 meeting minutes approved.
3. Safety Issues with Highway 200 underpass east of Ben Hughes subdivision.
 - Dave Spildie presented his concerns about the bridge over E Broadway. He is concerned about safety and too much train traffic for residents and pedestrians. He is working with members of city council and looking for ways to be proactive in the discussion.
4. Missoula 3:16 Rescue Mission
 - Maurisa Phillips has not yet spoken with the Mission but will, and we plan to invite management to a future meeting.
5. April leadership team meeting
 - Coincides with Bus Tour and will need to be rescheduled. We decided on 4/24 as an alternative date.
6. Plan for general meeting on August 16th [which is now being rescheduled]
 - Flyer with contact information for problems related to homelessness - included on postcard invite (sent 1.5 weeks before).
 - Add nominations for new leadership positions to agenda as we've had some changes since last year.
7. Community Forum Report
 - Maurisa Phillips presented a summary for the group.
8. Office of Neighborhoods Report
 - Jane Kelly presented information and confirmed attendance for Bus Tour
9. Public comment on non-agenda items - none
10. Announcements
 - Included information about a MUD project to use tumbled glass as an under base in sidewalks.

ISSUES AND OBSTACLES

Several issues and obstacles were identified by the community, the main one being a lack of identity and character along Highway 200. Equally important is the lack of safety for all users of Highway 200 because it is a "free for all" due to poorly defined street and intersection delineation. This makes the corridor unsafe for automobiles, pedestrians, and cyclists. Additional Highway 200 issues include:

- The Railroad underpass is too narrow for cyclists and pedestrians and it creates a blind curve for motorists exiting Interstate 90
- The streets intersect with Highway 200 at a variety of odd angles
- There are no sidewalks or crosswalks for pedestrians
- There is no street or pedestrian lighting
- The Highway becomes invisible during snow storms due to the lack of delineation and lighting
- The aesthetics of the corridor must be improved to create a bicycle and pedestrian friendly corridor
- The majority of parking is head-in off of the Highway which creates a dangerous situation when vehicles are backing out
- Storm drainage is challenging due to no means of channelizing water and the amount of asphalt
- The actual right of way (which is 80 feet) and the useable right of way differ due to the years of private uses and parking encroaching into the public right of way



bicycle and pedestrian safety is a key issue for Highway 200

