

Missoula--University District General Meeting

May 1, 2018

Meeting Minutes

1. ASUM Neighborhood Ambassadors—Jordan Lyons, Off-Campus Renter Center

The ASUM Neighborhood Ambassadors are University of Montana students who promote positive relationships with neighbors throughout the University District and greater Missoula. Recent events include a neighborhood block party held in late April.

In the month of May, the Neighborhood Ambassadors will be sponsoring their annual “Campus Thrift” event. Students departing Missoula after the end of classes this spring will have the opportunity to drop off items that would often end up in the landfill in the past. Collection days on campus will be Thursday, May 10 through noon on Saturday, May 12. The Office of Sustainability, UM Housing, and the ASUM Renter Center will have 4 collection sites staffed with volunteers and will accept bedding, clothes, school supplies, small appliances, unopened nonperishable food, and other dorm room accessories. The items gathered will then be sold to the general public on Wednesday, May 16, 9am-2pm in Schreiber Gym.

The office also plans to have a couple of students working on Ambassador projects during the summer of 2018

2. Summer Watering Considerations of Trees and Landscaping—Marie Anderson, City of Missoula/Urban Forestry Specialist

Marie discussed suggested watering depth for different types of plants, general irrigation guidelines, (time of day and time of year), and best types of watering systems. Marie also discussed the availability of a list of preferred trees for Missoula’s neighborhoods. The list is available at the following website:

<http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/DocumentCenter/View/26551/07-28-2014-Adopted-Master-Tree-List>

3. Missoula’s Municipal Water System Update on Improvements—Dennis Bowman, Missoula Water

The City of Missoula purchased the Missoula Water system from the Carlyle Group. Prior to Carlyle’s ownership, the water company had up to 46 employees. This dropped to 30 employees after Carlyle acquired the company. Since the City of Missoula has purchased the water system, the employee number is back up to 39.

Within the University District, the City of Missoula is planning to replace 1,000 of water line between Gerald Avenue and Daly Avenue (the pipeline was originally built in 1914). Also, piping will be replaced on Maurice Avenue to Higgins Avenue, and new water mains will be installed on South Avenue when the water mains are being replaced in the spring/summer of 2019.

Water rates in Missoula should be stable for the next 3 to 5 years. Approximately \$7.2 million will be spent in that time on system improvements, including new systems to quickly adjust the chlorine levels in fluctuating water levels to help eliminate chlorine smell.

The water company has an updated website with information available at the following address:

<https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/water>

4. Bike Share Programs—New Options for Missoula—Jordan Hess, Missoula City Council member and director of the ASUM Office of Transportation

Missoula is soliciting bids for a “dockless” bike share program. Ideally this will be in place by the fall of 2018. Perhaps 200 or more bikes will be available, which can be unlocked and paid for with a smart phone. Policies are being developed to address issues including abandoned bikes, where bikes can be parked within Missoula, helmet rental options, and other issues. Bike fees will be 50 cents per half hour of use for students, and \$1.00 per half hour for everyone else.

5. Urban Deer—Discussion on Management. John DiBari, Missoula City Council, Ward 4 Representative

Urban deer control has long been a contentious issue, with Missoula residents divided on whether we should control the urban deer population or let them roam free. There is currently no consensus on what to do about urban deer in Missoula.

If there was a consensus on managing deer in Missoula, then there are a couple of options-

*Harvest deer (have the city hire hunters, similar to what Helena now does)

*Use birth control/sterilization methods (but this is quite expensive)

Missoula residents can take their own actions—planting deer-resistant vegetation, have a dog in your yard, fence gardens and edible landscaping.

6. University Leadership Council Team—Activities since last General Meeting - Mike Jakupcak

Last general meeting was October 24th. Residents at that meeting identified their top three priorities:

1. Urban Deer
2. Traffic Calming/Speeding Issues
3. Lengthy Construction Projects

The University District Leadership Team drafted a letter of support for the University District Neighborhood Character Overlay

Several Leadership Team members attended the Neighborhood Bus Tour in April, sponsored by the Missoula Office of Neighborhoods.

The Leadership team sent a letter of support to move bicycle and pedestrian traffic more efficiently in support of Option1C of Missoula’s Livable Streets Project.

Work continues at Jeannette Rankin Park. There will be a workday on June 7th to seed, spread decomposed granite on walkways, and do additional rockwork

The Leadership Team is gathering ideas for the use of grant monies available from the city. Possibilities include additional Kim Williams Trail signage, mileage posters in Bonner Park for walkers, and more trees and plantings for the new Jeannette Rankin Park.

7. Office of Neighborhood Councils Report—Karen Gasvoda, Office of Neighborhoods

Recent events by the Office of Neighborhoods include an earth day celebration, the Neighborhood Ambassadors' neighborhood block party, and a three-hour neighborhood bus tour for leadership team members from across Missoula. The Office of Neighborhoods will also be sponsoring a volunteer appreciation day for those volunteers who maintain the vegetation in traffic calming circles.

8. Discussion and vote on amended University Neighborhood Council Bylaws—Julie Stephenson, team chair, UNDC

Julie presented amended bylaws for the University District Neighborhood Council. Changes suggested include changing the meeting notices from 15 days to 7 days. The attendees at the general meeting voted unanimously to accept these changes to the bylaws.

9. Voting on new team members

One opening on the University District Leadership Team was announced. The leadership team has seven members, but Dave Chrismon has resigned. Jennifer Copley was nominated to fill this position. No other nominations were received. A motion was made and seconded to choose Jennifer Copley to fill the vacant position. The motion passed unanimously. Jennifer Copley will serve a two-year term.

10. City Council Q&A

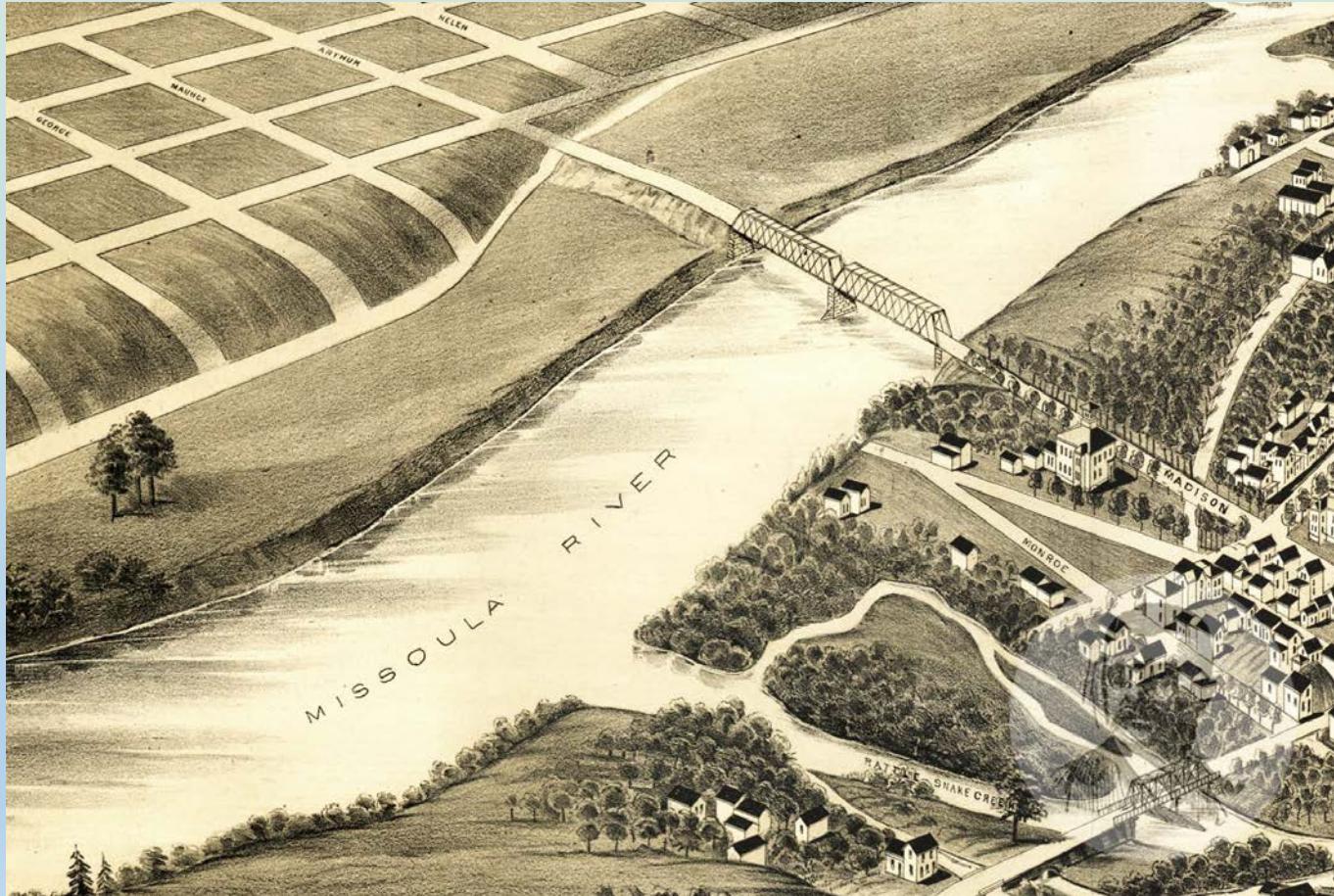
Brief comments from city council members. Gwen Jones discussed the proposed zoning design overlay for residential homes in the University District. The overlay addresses the issues of scaling and massing. The wording of the proposed ordinance has been finalized and has passed out of the planning board. On May 9th the Land Use Planning committee will review the ordinance, and if it approves, the ordinance will go to the full city council in May and June. The ordinance would take effect 30 days after final approval by the city council.

11. Public Comment

A resident of the University District commented on the lack of enforcement of dog leash laws within the city limits.

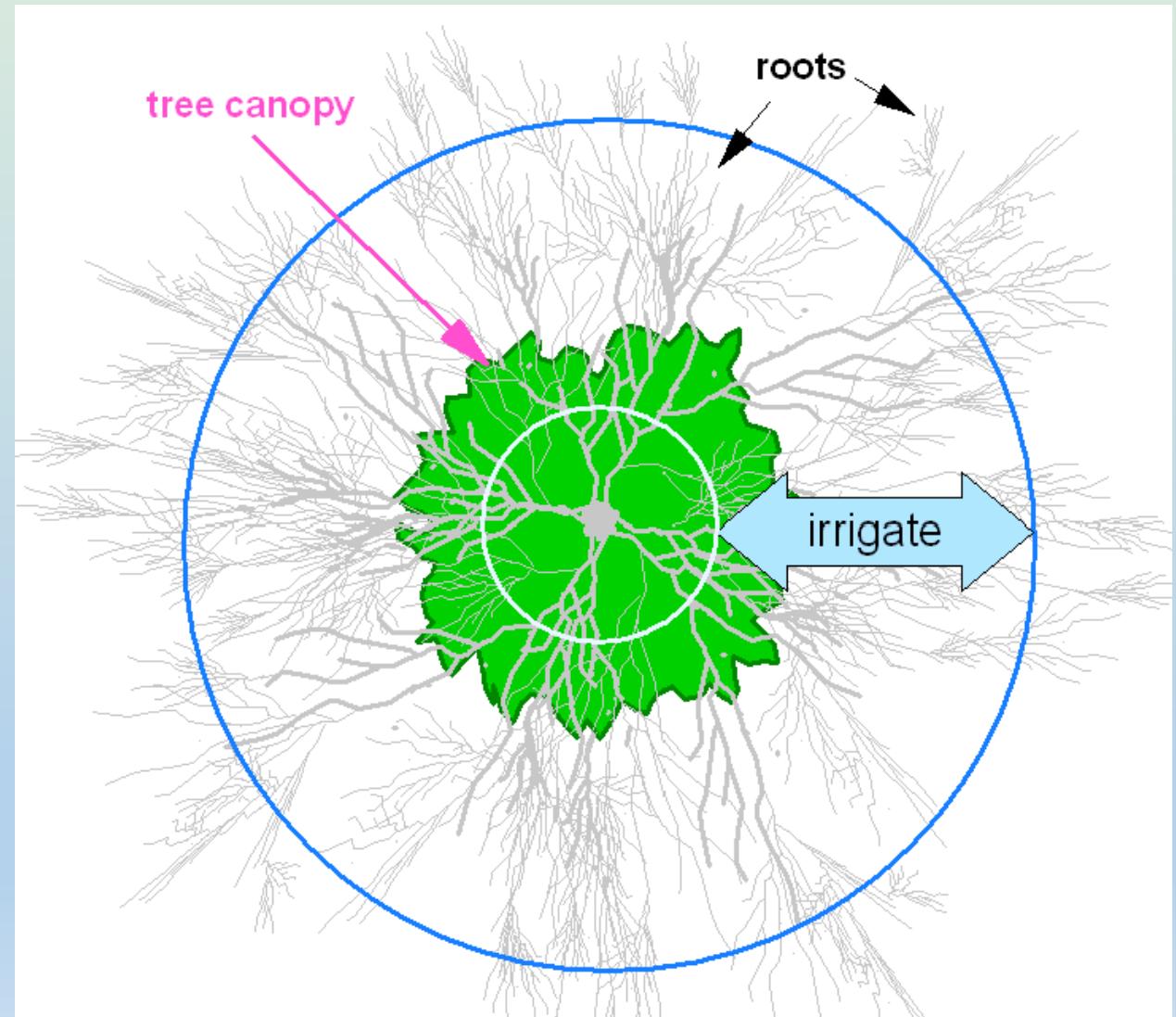
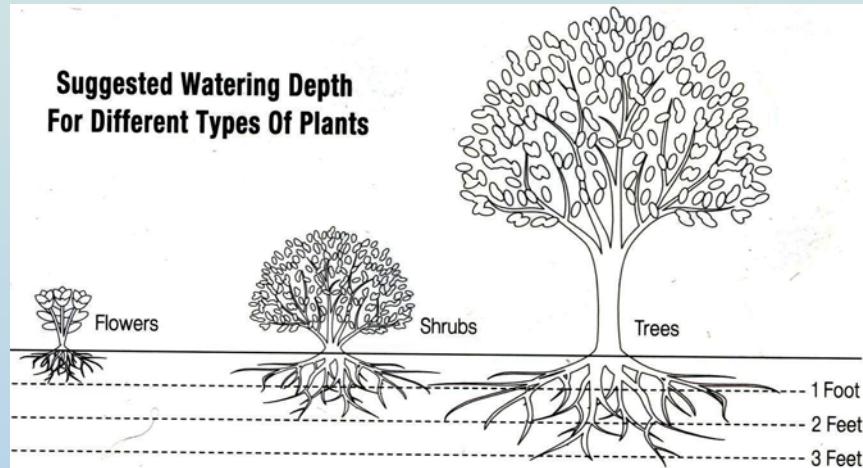
Adjournment

Summer Watering for Trees and Landscaping



"Ted's Vintage Maps"

Irrigating Efficiently



General Irrigation Guidelines

- Time of day:
 - During the coolest times of the day either early morning or late evening
- When do plants need it the most?
 - When they are breaking buds and leafing out
 - When they are beginning dormancy
 - Hottest summer months
 - When the temperature is high AND the wind is blowing

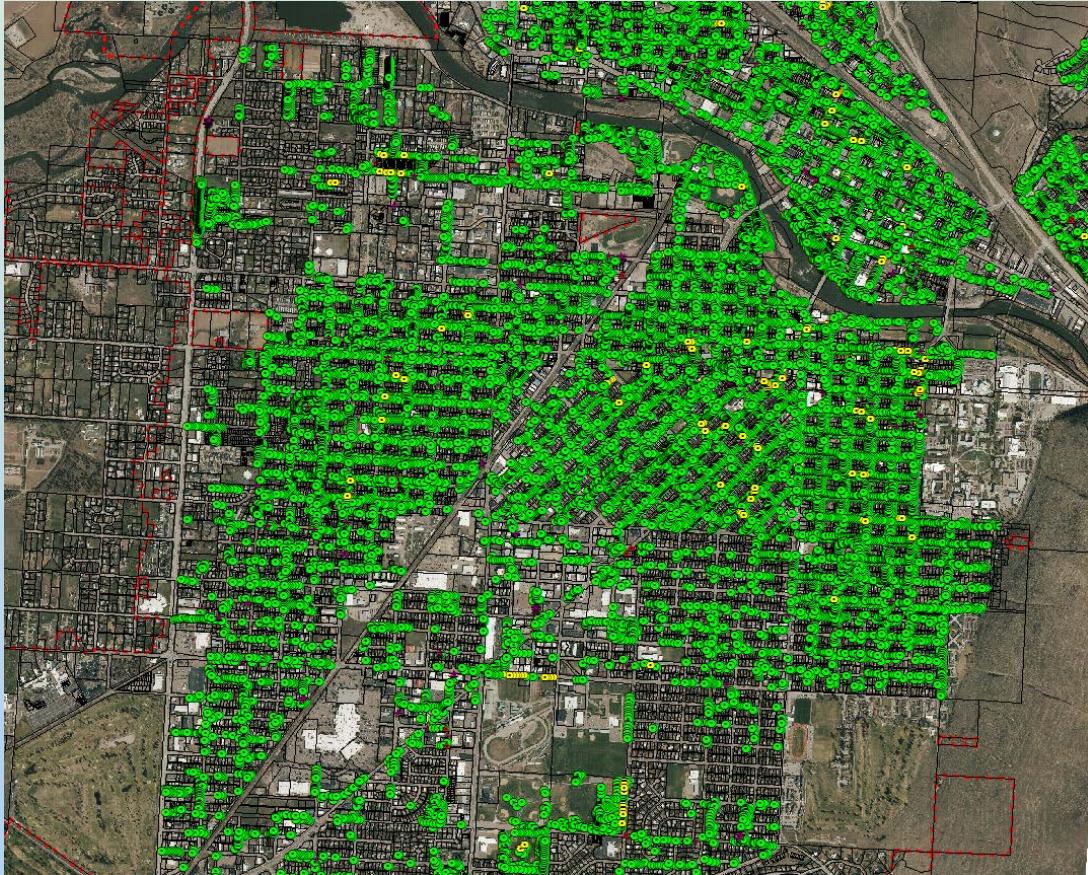
FAQ's

- My lawn is green but my trees aren't looking great?
- What trees don't need to be irrigated
- I water my lawn isn't that enough?
- What's the best way to water my tree?
 - Soaker hoses, sprinklers, underground systems..



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