

Franklin to Fort Neighborhood Council Meeting

10 July 2018

Franklin Park

Attendance: about 50 people

1. Chris Chitty welcomed all the neighbors at the meeting and food was served.
2. Mark McClements spoke about Neighborhood Watch, and information was handed out on getting started in your block area. Neighborhood Watch is about getting connected with your neighbors and keeping an eye on things. He also mentioned the number one stolen item in Missoula were bicycles, and you could easily register them.
3. Dennis Bowman spoke about the amount of work they have been doing since taking over from the old company; there was a huge back log of deferred maintenance, and they are trying to update and modernize, as well as add efficiencies to the water system. One of biggest items they are trying to address is leakage and fixing old wells.
4. Annette Marchesseault spoke about the Montana Rail Link park going in on the corner of Johnson and South. The bike path is finished, and they have started installing the infrastructure, such as irrigation to support the park. Hoping for a soft open in the fall; grand opening next spring.
5. Habitat for Humanity presentation by Noreen Humes – They have been very active in the Franklin to the Fort neighborhood, building two homes per year, currently on Burlington and Schilling. There are volunteer opportunities, not just building the home, coordinate with their office.
6. An update on the Russell Street project was presented by Shane Stack MDT and Katie Klietz. Discussed the sidewalks and underpass going in by the bridge and presented contact information on how to keep abreast of the construction as it moves along.
7. Michelle Cares with City Council conducted a general Q&A session, discussed the sidewalk subsidy program, small neighborhood grant, zoning in the neighborhood and other topics.
8. The Leadership Team council opened the floor to nominations for the vacancy. Connie Lewis was re-elected for a two year term.
9. Public comment on non-agenda items – none
10. Announcements - none
11. The meeting was adjourned after it was determined that Chris would make the presentation to the city council on July 16th.

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