

Southgate Triangle Leadership Team – General Meeting – Oct. 10, 2018 - MINUTES

Time: 7:00 PM Location: Southgate Mall Community Room 2901 Brooks St. Missoula, MT 59801

Leadership Participants: Mark Foss, Bob Martin, Hans Christian, Skip Hegman, James Sage, Kelly Lloyd, Larry Cron, Others in Attendance: Jane Kelly (Neighborhood Council Coordinator), Emily Brock (Fair Manager), Emily Kern (Community Garden Project), Jeff Stevens (Moose Can Gulch Council), Alex Beal (JP Candidate) plus 11 other attendees including two city council members.

1. **Missoula County Fairgrounds update** - Emily Brock –Planning process lasted over a decade. Decision made in 2016: no race track, no stock arena, move ice rinks, renovate old buildings, build new concessions and grandstands. 6,000 feet of new trails and 6 acres of open space. Trails will be lit. Buildings will have their own character. Ice sports will be moved to the back near Playfair Park. Phase I under construction: sewer and water being installed to provide infrastructure. Renovation of old buildings to begin soon – new roofs, siding, floors, foundations, windows. Chain-link fence coming and down rock wall will be built instead. Wall will be 4' stone with cable on top. Fair will remain free. Currently exploring options to ameliorate parking problems - partnerships with Mountain Line, Beach Busing, neighborhood churches, etc. Twenty year plan construction costs will be \$100,000,000.
2. **Update on Missoula Parks and Rec.** – Jane Kelly passed out handout by Donna Gaukler. No comments on the handout.
3. **Garden City Harvest** – Community Garden Project at MRL Park – Emily Kern - Plots have been constructed MRL is the 11 garden. Gardening will begin in spring, shed will be built in early spring. Usually \$30 per 10'x10' plot w/\$20 deposit. Water, seeds, tools, and compost are provided. Workshops are available. Volunteers are welcome. 43 plots with 8 ADA accessible.
4. **South Hills Trail System** – Jeff Stevens – Neighborhood Council member handed out trail system maps. Trail system was created in Moose Can Gulch, Southhills, and SGT neighborhoods. Trails were created to accommodate cul-de-sacs and neighborhoods absent of sidewalks. System was designed to connect with the recently built trail system including Milwaukee and Lolo Trails.
5. Elections – Skip Termed out and is not running. Bob re-elected for two year term. All other SGT members are still serving. No one volunteered to run for the vacant chair.
6. Neighborhood Priorities: (as voted on by SGT members attending the meeting)
 - a. Mutt Mitt Station at 39th and North end of Paxson
 - b. Development of Bellevue Park
 - c. Repave 34th
 - d. Spray weeds in Bellevue
 - e. Sidewalk gaps filled in
 - f. Deer control in neighborhood
 - g. Overhanging Trees and shrubs on sidewalks and streets
 - h. 39th Street deer crossing sign

7. Public comment on non-agenda items – Alex Beal running for Justice Court –talked about JC issues.
8. Community Forum Report – Bob Martin
9. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator
10. Announcements. _ Neighborhood \$3,000 grants are due October 24th. Jane will help with grant writing.
11. Thanks to Randy Murray for providing a backhoe and operating it to plant four trees on Bellevue

Skip Hegman – SGT Secretary