

# **University Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes**

Date: November 5, 2018

Time: 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Location: Lewis and Clark Village Community Room, 3000 S. Higgins Ave., Missoula

**Members Present:** Jeff Birkby, Julie Stephenson, Bryce Rowe, Mike Jakupcak, Jennifer Copley

**Others Present:** Karen Gasvoda (Office of Neighborhoods) Erika Byrne, Anna Potter, Chloe Loeffelholz, Sydney Lang (Student Ambassadors), Jordan Lyons, Director, UM Off-Campus Renter Center and Neighborhood Ambassadors

## **1. Approval of Minutes**

Meeting minutes were reviewed from the September 11 team meeting, as well as the minutes for the October 2 general meeting. A motion was seconded and approved unanimously to accept the minutes

## **2. Update on Kim Williams/Milwaukee Road Trail Wayfinder Grant Application**

The Leadership Team for the University District submitted a \$2700 grant to the city of Missoula's large grant program. The proposal was submitted before the October 25 due date. If accepted, the proposal would fund installing more wayfinding bollards along the Kim Williams Trail every half mile for about 3.5 miles along the section of the trail along the river east of the UM football stadium.

Karen Gasvoda reported that a few other applications for grant funds were received by the October 25 deadline, but that even if all the received proposals were funded there would still be fund available to fund other projects. Karen said a decision had been made to extend the due date for applications to December 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Univ District Leadership team then brainstormed on other projects that we could submit to be considered for funding, in addition to our existing grant application for the wayfinding bollards. Ideas discussed included enhancing the lighting at bus stops in the University District, and mileage markers for the perimeter of Bonner Park. Jennifer Copley will take the lead on - developing additional grant proposals for these ideas (due date is December 10).

## **3. Neighborhood Priorities Ranking and Feedback**

Jennifer Copley presented a report on the University District neighborhood priorities that were discussed at the general meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting attendees were asked to say what one

thing they would like to change in our neighborhood, and what one improvement they would make. Items discussed ranged from affordable housing and parking issues to improved street lighting, slower traffic around the traffic calming circles, more tree trimming by the city, and improving street design for bike safety.

Jennifer also gathered priority lists from the other 18 neighborhood in Missoula and presented a two-page spreadsheet that categorized priorities citywide. The priorities were grouped by safety issues, street/traffic issues, urban forest issues, and snow removal issues.

One additional item raised during the meeting was the potential for a Missoula clearinghouse/ombudsman—a single contact in the city to handle any questions from city residents.

#### **4. UM Neighborhood Ambassadors—Jordan Lyon**

The student ambassadors reported on several activities in the University District. A pumpkin smash was held on November 1, where neighborhood residents could bring their leftover jack-o-lanterns to campus to be smashed and donated for compost. and looking at the issues of homelessness among UM students

The ambassadors are also continuing to conduct “Sunday Sweepers” after home football games at UM to clean up any trash left in the neighborhood.

Some of the future issue that are being planned by the ambassadors include a survey in March/April of community priorities, ideas for university/neighborhood block parties, and analyzing the issues of homelessness among UM students (including students who are living in cars near campus).

#### **5. Community Forum Report—Karen Gasvoda**

Karen discussed the most recent Community Forum. Some of the interesting topics at the forum included the commercial-sized solar dehydrator, the open space bond that was one the November 4 ballot, design excellence standards, and rezoning along Reserve Street.

#### **6. Office of Neighborhoods Report—Karen Gasvoda**

Karen Gasvoda announced the launch of the Citizens’ Academy, an eight-week course that will be held from January through March 2019. About 35-40 people will participate. Topics include city government, public safety, quality of life, city/county interface, and taxes. More information on the city website: <https://bit.ly/2DpVhTR>

## **7. Leadership Roles—Julie Stephenson**

The team tabled the topic of reviewing the leadership duties for the team until the next meeting.

## **8. Univ Leadership Team Vacancy**

Team member Katie Sullivan has been elected to the Montana House, and the team may need to discuss filling her vacancy if she resigns.

## **9. Next Meeting**

Julie Stephenson will send out a doodle poll to team member to choose the date for the next team meeting—sometime the first week of December is the most likely date.

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