

University District Neighborhood Council

General Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9, 2019

Time: 6:15pm

Location: Hellgate High School Knight Hall Library
925 Gerald Ave/ 900 South Higgins Ave
Missoula, MT 59801

Approximately 60 people in attendance

1. Welcome
 - Meeting began at 6:30pm. Julie Stephenson introduced the council members
 - Announcement of Jeannette Rankin Park workday in May with Hellgate High School student participation.
 - It was mentioned that 35 Missoula neighborhood team members attended the 2019 Citizen Academy class.
2. University Leadership Council Team Report
 - a. Neighborhood Priorities review and discussion
Jennifer Copley gave an update on the Neighborhood priorities, and lodged new concerns from attendees. A few of the top items included: urban forest tree preservation, traffic safety & roundabouts, and speeding on Maurice Ave.
 - b. Small and large grant updates
An update was given on Mini grants from 2018 such as the Kim Williams Trail Bollard Placement and Wayfinding Markers Showing Distance, and Bonner Park signage.
 - c. UNDC Logo discussion
Jeff Birkby presented 3-5 logos for review and discussed final approval for the May LT meeting. Some of the Logo ideas included: a little village, a cap and gown logo, a clock tower, and a grizzly paw. The group also discussed how to best identify the University District through these logos.
3. Bus stop updates and concerns- Vince Caristo, Mountain Line, Project Management Specialist
Vince and Dan highlighted the current bus stop situation. There are 452 stops. There is basic signage, and sometimes no signage. Solution for 2019, master plan goals: a three phase project that includes accessibility, reliability/comfort, and signage. Upgrades also include: 24 new benches, 68 ADA boarding areas, 18 new shelters, and 452 new bus stop signs.
4. Snow plowing in the University District- Brian Hensel, Missoula Deputy Public Works Director – Streets
Brian discussed how all the snow plows are employed during a snow storm in terms of priorities from 1-3. Example: Priority 1 : Main roads , Priority 2 : Bus routes, Priority 3 : Residential. Brian also discussed the use of liquid chemical and sand after plowing. He also discussed and answered some attendee questions about University neighborhood road conditions.

5. City Council Member Q&A

Gwen Jones & Heather Harp discussed and expanded on the neighborhood priorities, what attendees can do, and who they may contact with future concerns and questions.

6. ASUM Neighborhood Ambassadors Report- Jordan Lyons, Off Campus Renter Center Director
Jordan Lyons, Off Campus Renter Center Director: Various ASUM student ambassadors outlined their mission.

7. Increase membership to leadership team/Election- Jane Kelly, Office of Neighborhoods Coordinator
Two new members were voted in to serve a two year term on the University District Leadership Team: Dori Gilels and Rick Caron.

8. Office of Neighborhoods Report

Jane Kelly gave the Office of Neighborhoods report.

9. Public Comment

None

10. Adjournment

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