

# Heart of Missoula Neighborhood Council General Minutes

Date: July 23, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Caras Park

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## Welcome and Food

### History of Neighborhood Councils – Jane Kelly – Neighborhood Coordinator

### Missoula Neighborhood Watch – Tony Rollins, MNW Board member

- Neighborhood watch Block meetings - HOM needs better involvement.
- They are developing a new mission statement.
- Info distributed

### Historic Preservation and the Missoula Downtown Master Plan (MDMP) – Emy Scherrer, Historic Preservation Officer

- Chapter 4 of the MDMP addresses this and includes strategies and tools.  
Includes adaptive reuse, mapping, heritage interpretation, and a master plan for historic/art/culture, land trusts.
- This is just a guide, not a rule.
- Tools for property owners includes national register, but we can list districts for protection with a zoning overlay, usually commercial or residential.
  - Protects contributing and non-contributing buildings and is voluntary
- We can consider proposing overlays to our neighborhood.
- Plan includes design guidelines for protecting character and addresses demolition by neglect (which is what happened to The Merc)
  - Adaptive reuse can include adding a façade to a historic building, if it keeps the character.

### Poverello Center update – Jesse Jaeger, Director of Development & Advocacy

- Flood update: the mitigation is ongoing. Engineers and planners are looking at the problem. Improvements start next week.
  - Kitchen is operational, but not the men's dorm
  - To help: Food and money contributions (and patience)
- Introduction to 2 of the outreach members who's mission is to "Meet people where they are at." They work closely with other agencies. Hotline number is 493-7955
- Open meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 8, alternating a.m. and p.m.

Election of Leadership Team members – Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator

- Motion to accept new leadership elections, approved

Discussion with Downtown Business Owners – Heidi West & Bryan von Lossberg

- Bryan von Lossberg is the council liaison and is involved in the MDMP updates
- Welcoming comments until Aug 1 [John@missouladowntown.com](mailto:John@missouladowntown.com)
- Discussion of limits of medical marijuana zoning. Local gov't doesn't have much to say about it.
- Downtown Partnership is looking at ways to use MRA funding to have "incubator" buildings to support business that need help before they can afford current rent.

Q & A with City Council - Heidi West & Bryan von Lossberg

- Property tax assessments are an ongoing problem that is trying to be addressed
- We need to spread the word about how convenient the parking garages are (and that the first hour is free)
- Electric buses being unveiled soon

Adjournment

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