

Heart of Missoula Neighborhood Council Leadership Team

Minutes

Date: October 17, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Jack Reidy Conference Room

140 W. Pine St., Missoula, MT 59802

1. Welcome and Introductions – Caroline Lauer, Leah Morrow, Karen Gasvoda, Mirtha Becerra, Sarah Knobel and Donnie Pfeifer
2. The minutes of [June 20, 2019](#) leadership team meeting and [July 23, 2019](#) general meeting were approved.
3. MDT present information about the Higgins Street bridge construction
 - o Open house at the Merc Nov 13 – 4-6pm
 - o Closures – will include trails, they will keep them as open as possible. Working with parks for signage. Lots of other access points.
 - o Bids in December, contractor selected by 1/2020. Timeline 18 months to complete.
Timing the current schedule: Plans are done, end of January will start construction ideally
 - o Deck replacement and impact to the public as soon as February. See draft. By mid June complete with Phase one. Impact is being addressed.
 - o Accessibility: city is discussing the importance, (stairs and preserve them), to meet ADA requirements. Accessibility will be more at the end of the block (by the bank).
 - o What is happening with the plaza plan? Goal: public space, connect with the city and public planning.
 - o See drafts provided – info and contact details on project website
 - o Farmers market will be relocated. Marathon – continues. 2020 plus a little

4. Caroline has agreed to be our Community forum rep
5. Karen gave the Office of Neighborhoods Report
6. Public comment on non-agenda items
 - Mirtha –Director of giving for Msia Downtown foundation. A national artist: greetings tour, Victor Ving and Lisa Beggs
 - Is Missoula interested in a “postcard” mural? Looking at First Montana Bank in the alley.
 - They work with a local artist for repairs. It can be an educational opportunity to learn techniques.
 - \$20k for the project (several org. are willing to contribute).
 - May submit an application for a Neighborhood Project Fund grant. Seeking support of the neighborhood council.

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