

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Minutes

Date: March 4, 2020

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Lewis and Clark Village Community Room

3000 S Higgins Ave. Missoula, MT 59802

Present: Terri Conner, Dave Westfall, James Walters, Jeff Miller, Kathleen Hanson, Colleen Biehl, Jane Kelly, Office of the Neighborhoods

1. Welcome and introductions

2. The February 5, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as posted.

3. Neighborhood Traffic Safety Updates – Terri Conner reported that Marley sent out a doodle poll for the meeting date for the joint L & C and Rose Park traffic Safety Committee. It looks like March 18 at 5:30pm may be the date. Mike Painter will send the draft letter to the committee so it will be ready to review on the meeting date. Jeff stated that it is imperative that they get the letter done to be sent to the appropriate city departments.

4. Bancroft Pond Update -Dave Westfall had spoken with Morgan Valliant concerning the outdoor classroom.

Morgan would like the following:

-To know the size of the benches; the space between the benches and the rows; square footage of proposed site. John Conner may have this in the proposed grant.
-To meet with educators from the neighborhood schools to go over the proposal and have their input in early June at the ponds.
-April 14 from 12 noon to 2pm is the Parks Board Meeting when the Outdoor Classroom will be presented.

Signage Project. Morgan will let us know when the design phase is ready for the interpretive signs. Kathleen is one of the program managers for this. It was suggested that Naomi Alhadeff would be of help with the particular flora, fauna and animals of the area.

Dave met with Karen Sippy with Trees for Missoula for more information about the organization. TFM supports the city's Urban Forestry Division (UF), the good people who care for Missoula's trees, advocate for funding to plant and maintain trees and volunteer to care for public trees.

Colleen Biehl reported that Molly Dillingham, City Gardener for the birding area at the park will be at the Bancroft Ponds Park Steering Committee with a Birding Area Spring/Summer schedule for watering and maintenance. Next meeting is March 18 at 4pm.

5. Spring Newsletter – Colleen Biehl suggested that each committee do their section of the newsletter as per the recommendation of Jeff Miller. All agreed. The issues are grouped in the committees, please address all, even if they are not applicable to what is happening now. Be precise. The committees have more than just these items.

What is important to Lewis & Clark Neighbors?

Traffic Safety: o Lack of painted crosswalks o Speeding o Need for traffic calming circles

Ponds: o Duck Pond maintenance including mowing o Duck Pond patrol (drinking/other behaviors)
o Dogs off leash

Misc.: o Sidewalks not being shoveled o Urban Deer – Colleen will get information.

Kathleen Hanson will put the letter together and Jane will get the letter printed and mailed.

Please have your drafts ready at the April 1st Team Leadership Meeting.

6. Community Forum Report – Colleen Biehl reported that 18 out of 19 neighborhoods were present, plus quite a few of interested citizens. Two presentations were made: Long Range Transportation Planning update and committee recruitment by Aaron Wilson. Transportation Planning Mgmt. stated that the federal government required a 4 year update on projects that are in process and in the planning stage to be reviewed. Heart of Missoula representative volunteered to be on the committee. Zoning 101 by Tom, Sr. Planner and Mary McCrea, Permit and Land Use Mgr., presented how zoning began and where it is now in Missoula. As always you may check out the information on the city website and the presentations on MCAT.

7. Office of Neighborhoods Report—Jane Kelly reported that the Out Standing Neighbor of the Year will be chosen soon. The Bus Tour on April 16 has one seat left. The Office of the Neighborhood Assistant position closes on Friday.

8. No public comment

9. No Announcements

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