

Lewis & Clark Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2021

5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Terry Conner moderated the meeting. Called to order at 5:30 pm.

1. Roll Call: LT members present - Colleen Biehl, Terry Conner, James Walter, Jerry Dirnberger.
Absent: Kathleen Hanson, Susan Schott, Dave Westfall
Also present:
Traffic Committee: Jeff Miller. BP Steering Committee: John Conner.
Missoula Neighborhoods: Kelly Elam
2. The April 7, 2021 Leadership Team Minutes were approved as posted.

3. Items discussed:

Joint Traffic Safety Committee Up-date - Terry Conner

-Terry noted there has been no communication or calls returned from either the Mayor's office or the ward 3 and 4 representatives.

-Spirited discussion followed this announcement as to how to best gain the city's attention. Concerns voiced by all that the considerable efforts of the Traffic Safety Committee cumulating in Jeff Miller's final report and presentation would not be considered in the new plan.

- Kelly reported that it would be beneficial for all to review the Missoula Neighborhoods News Release of May 5, 2021 that details the timetable for comment on the Long Range Transportation Plan (aka Missoula Connects).
- James briefly reviewed the recent Lowell School student pedestrian / car incident and that he believed the City has been spurred to act on concerning speed limits and traffic controls in school zones city wide. Also noted was recent local news coverage of this subject.
- Agreement among the group that the joint LC / RP Traffic Report must be included in public comment for Missoula Connects. As deadlines for public comment are before the next scheduled LC LT meeting a working group of Terry Conner, James Walters, Colleen Biehl and Jeff Miller were appointed. The group is to act and submit Jeff Miller's work as comment on Missoula Connects plan and report back at the June LT meeting. Working group to meet 1pm 5-7-21 at the corner of Queen and Bancroft.

Bancroft Ponds Projects Update - Colleen Biehl

-Pending projects:

-Interpretive Signs (\$6k), still waiting for Parks to award a contract for signage city wide.

No updates received by LT meeting time.

-Birding trail. Remainder of Trails Project funds reallocated to improve the spur trail to the birding area. No action taken. Will probably be after the Outdoor Classroom is completed. Colleen noted that since the bird habitat planting many footpaths have developed and a need to direct traffic exists.

Grant Application for Outdoor Classroom - John Conner

-John announced that the grant has been submitted. He reviewed the approval process and timetable. Decision on grant awards tentatively May 19th. If funded construction planned for mid-summer 2021 and school outreach to begin that fall.

Intersection of Higgins & South parking issues and opportunities (Cambrie Taphouse & Coffee) - Dave Westfall

- Colleen Biehl: (per discussion with Dave) Reportedly some neighbors immediately adjacent to the new establishment were concerned with overflow parking. As Dave was the LT member contacted and was absent the issue was tabled until further information could be presented.

4. Items voted on:

Remaining annual budget expenditures: Colleen Biehl

- Colleen reviewed need to use it or lose it on this year's remainder of \$767.84.

All funds must be under contract by May 31.

Suggested choices:

1. Two new garbage cans with enclosures. One each at the Bancroft and Stephens entrances.
2. Gravel for trail maintenance to be stockpiled at the park.
3. Other

-John Conner and others suggested a combination: selecting the two garbage can option with the remainder to purchase stockpiled gravel.

Vote was called. All voting members of the Leadership Team present (Colleen Biehl, James Walters, Jerry Dirnbeger, Terry Conner) unanimously voted yes on the combination option suggested: Purchase 2 enclosed garbage can remaining balance to purchase gravel.

During the budget discussion a question was raised on funds for our next mailing. Colleen Biehl reported next year's budget of about \$1800.00 will be available July 1st to cover mailings, fall General Meeting etc. Currently we have about 1300 residents not including any apartment buildings residents. The mailing list is being updated and the expanded list will hopefully be available before the fall meeting announcement.

5. Community Forum Report - Colleen Biehl

Report tabled until June 2021 LT meeting

6. Missoula Neighborhoods Report - Kelly Elam

-Announced City may allow outdoor meetings starting June 14. Watch for official announcement and rules. City Hall to remain closed.

-The Missoula Neighborhoods website is being updated.

City wide cleanup went well. CB added that LC had 16 volunteers at Bancroft Ponds including welcoming several new people.

7. Public comment: None

8. Announcements: Next Team Leadership meeting will be off the meeting cycle June 9, at 5:30 pm via Zoom. Moderator TBA

Respectfully submitted,
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