

University Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Minutes

January 4, 2022 at 6:30 PM Virtual Zoom

Introductions and Roll Call When the meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM, members present included Darcy Caron, Chairperson; Rick Caron; Jennifer Copley, Secretary; Kelly Elam, Missoula Neighborhoods; and Brad Cedarburg. Lacey Zinke joined the meeting at 7:08.

2. **Approve Minutes for December 7, 2021** Minutes, distributed via email, were approved.
3. **Program Presentation** Members did not hear the planned UM signage update because Robin Spear, WGM Group Senior Landscape Architect/Planner, was asked by City Parks and Rec not to present until their office had a chance to review the status of the proposal.

4. **Items to be Discussed**

- **Grant Writing Workshop on January 10, 2022** Darcy Caron and Jennifer Copley had hoped to attend, but the meeting may be delayed because a presenter has an ill family member.
- **Bonner Park Survey Results** – Brad Cederberg asked if we intended to write a grant to benefit Bonner Park, and Darcy assured him that it was still our intent. Brad shared survey results, saying that 62% of those filling out the survey were out of the neighborhood.
 - (a) Top interests for park use included spending time with family, allowing children to play on equipment, accessing greenspace, attending concerts, and using tennis courts.
 - (b) Most in attendance did not know that the perimeter of the park was part of the city Rx Trial system.
 - (c) Highest priority for the future included adding exercise equipment for seniors and pickleball lines. Secondary interests included repairing the volleyball area and adding a basketball court.

Darcy said that we will demonstrate to City Parks and Rec that a large percentage of respondents want more exercise equipment. With our large elder population, she said, adding equipment for elders would be logical. Rick mentioned that he and Darcy saw specialized equipment for elders heavily used when they lived in Korea. Jennifer said that on a walk-through with TJ Machado and Lincoln they had seen adequate space in Bonner for such adult equipment. Rick added his support. Darcy urged members to start getting hard numbers for costs of improvements so that we can build it into our grant proposal which is in the amount of \$6000. Darcy also asked Kelly to keep us posted on the date for the grant writing workshops.

- **Snow Shoveling** Rick Caron said we have 4 homes needing services, 3 elders and one person with disabilities. He reported that when the University went on winter break, there was a break in services, but with the University reconvening. Lacey will have a new team of folks for this second semester. One neighbor, often gone, asked for help, but Rick explained that services are for those in need. Rick has many shovels at his

home and other shovels out at the work sites. The only complaint has been the transition between the first semester and second semester teams.

• **University District Community Meeting** – Darcy Caron reminded members that the last community meeting was March 2021. She believes that we need to work on another community meeting. The WGM group could, perhaps, present by March, Darcy said. By then we should have an idea about where we are with the grant, and UM folks could present items of interest to this neighborhood and seek donations for the UM food pantry.

Rick suggested that Ben Weiss could present information about the green belt area near Maurice and Gerald. People seem to speed on Maurice and seem ill-informed about 25 mile per hour speed limit. There are three temporary roundabouts on Maurice. Costs fall on people owning corner lots, so the City is moving away from the permanent to the temporary roundabouts. Now some costs fall on developers.

Jennifer suggested we need to report on improvements made as a result of previous lobbying. Darcy asked us to set a date so we could prepare speakers. Lacey agreed to present, and Darcy will contact neighborhoods council members. We will do planning at our February meeting for the community meeting on March 8. The Leadership Team meetings on this 2nd Tuesday of the month are scheduled from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Kelly suggested that we plan for longer than 1 hour, to allow enough time for all the presenters. After discussion, we decided to set time limits for speakers. Our focus will be dissemination of information.

We will use Alpha Graphics to print and distribute postcards. Darcy will use the format of postcards from the 2021 meeting. Brad suggested sending out a digitalized copy of our agenda, as well. We will use the community meeting to recruit new members, as well as recruiting friends and neighbors.

5. **Community Forum Report** No December meeting was held, but Jennifer will attend the January 27, meeting.
6. **UM Representatives Report** – Lacey Zinke reported that students will be back on campus January 18, with orientation from the 12th to the 14th. A leadership retreat on the 22nd and assignments to different chapters to the shoveling brigades.
7. **Missoula Neighborhoods Report** – Kelly Elam reported that the Missoula neighborhoods hired Kalina Wickham as the Neighborhoods Specialist. Kalina has previous experience working with the city and comes onboard on the January 17. Kelly will still be coordinating.
8. **Public comment on Non-Agenda Items** Rick offered an FYI that Dori will be on the City Planning Committee.
9. **Announcements** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 1. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.