

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2022
5:30 pm
Virtual Zoom

Present: Terry Conner, James Walter, Kathleen Hanson, Colleen Biehl, John Conner, Randy Biehl, Ser Anderson, Deborah Postma, Transportation Planner and Kelly Elam, Missoula Neighborhoods

Terry Conner moderated meeting

1. Deborah Postma, Transportation Planner was introduced, and Ser Anderson was acknowledged as a returning resident and is interested to have her name and email added to the Leadership email listserv. Roll Call was taken, and a quorum was established.
2. Meeting minutes for December 2, 2021 and Feb 2, 2022 were approved as posted.
3. Traffic Safety Presentation - Deborah Postma, Transportation Planner presented to the team on how the South Avenue plan is coming. The City transportation DRAFT for School zone policy will be presented to the School Board at their April meeting. This plan consists of reduced speeds and safe crossings. If this draft is accepted by the school board, then the striping at Queen and South will be done. Mountain Line is still planning to move the bus stop in front of Drum Coffee. The owner had been notified. Benton Avenue will become a greenway since it runs adjacent will help slow traffic with perhaps speed humps. Park Street will receive sidewalks where they do not exist in 2023. For more information look on the department's website. <https://www.missoulainmotion.com>
4. Treasurers Report – No report
5. Bancroft Ponds Park Updates: John Conner
-Outdoor Classroom – Seating stones are to be set in the next 2 weeks
-Restoration of Eastend – Scheduled in later half of April. When the schedule is posted we will let the neighborhood know.
-Interpretive Plan and Signs and Birding Trail - e: Reconfiguration of Interpretive Signs Grant - Due to a decision at a recent meeting between City Storm Water (SW) and Conservation Lands (CL) BPP interpretive signs project has been separated from the city-wide trailhead's signage project. This action was taken to allow our project to move forward while the larger project works through a Covid delayed design process. Lost is economy of scale, gained is ability to expedite.
- Signs: The group toured the property and discussed general sign themes and locations as described in the approved grant. No significant changes were made.
- Kiosk: Our original grant included city funded rework of entrances and improvements to the Kiosk on 34th Street. After discussing several options on Kiosk design a tentative agreement was reached. Proposed was the existing Kiosk will be moved a few feet west and turned 90 degrees so the reader panel will face the street. A "Welcome to Bancroft Ponds Park" header will face the street with regulatory signage below. The back panel will be reserved for seasonal art and other informational displays from various stakeholder organizations. The existing Kiosk may be reused if feasible. An alternate three panel, street facing, design may also be used. The entrance sidewalk would be widened to surround the kiosk in the new location to allow better access to the kiosk and relieve crowding at the bridge as guests enters the park. Goal is to improve entrance appearance and spark interest with a fresh new look that is both welcoming and informative.

- Process: The SW/CL team will write a draft RFP and forward it to the group for review. After a vendor is on board the grant designated team of neighborhood volunteers will have an opportunity for further input on final sign design. Desired is to complete this project in this Fiscal year. **Design Committee for Signs** consisting of Sherry Winters, Kathleen Hanson, Susan Schott, Terry Conner will need to meet when the draft for the interpretive signs is presented to us. These members were asked to assist with the interpretive signs designs and content as per the Large Grant for them. Colleen will send an email them so they decide how they will meet.

6. Newsletter update – Kathleen received printing invoice and the amount is correct \$146.44. Newsletter is laid to rest.
7. Community Forum Report – No report.
8. Missoula Neighborhood Report - Kelly Elam reported that Kalina Wickham is doing well with her new position as the Neighborhood Specialist. Grant Applications are due on March 18. There are several grants this year. There was no quorum at the Community Forum. Neighborhood Cleanup sponsored by the Missoula Neighborhoods will be April 30. Dumpsters will be place around town near the parks similar to last year.
9. Public comments.
10. Announcements: Next Meeting Wednesday, April 6 at 5:30 pm

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