

Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Minutes

September 19, 2022

6:00 PM

Franklin Park

Roll Call:

Kalina Pritchard, City of Missoula Neighborhood Specialist, Jenny Mish, Neighborhood Leadership Team Member, Fiona Ridgway, Neighborhood Council Member, Alexander Ridgway, Neighborhood Council Member, Mark Milanick, Neighborhood Council Member, Jen, Jenny, Patricia.

Hannah Cosal (not present, but expressed interest in joining leadership council)

Definitions:

Neighborhood council: Everyone who resides in the neighborhood boundaries

Leadership team: 5-7 members, voted in by neighborhood council to represent neighborhoods interests, plan events

Leadership Team Roles:

Host regular meetings, reports to community forum, opportunity to report to city council as needed, set agendas, minutes, coordinate volunteers, energizers (cleanups), neighborhood grants, Sunday streets, newsletter, host meetings, professional development, learn more about government and city council in general, improve neighborhood communications, info sharing, bridge gap btw citizens and govt., actionable changes in neighborhood, funding from city council budget: \$2,700 July 1- June 30

- remaining budget is slightly lower as some was used for recent block party

Neighborhood Council Rules:

Meetings are open, open meeting laws. All must be recorded, and no hefty substantial conversations can happen in email/text etc., can't be in someone's garage, Rogers Rules of decision making, Use motions to make decisions

Host general meeting, yearly, typically in July or August

- Need to schedule one for early 2023 to make up for missed meetings during COVID 19

Suggestion from Patricia: previous City neighborhood coordinator used to put on a training on Roberts rules of order, may be helpful to continue this so that people understand.

- Kalina: This does happen in the spring, offered by MSU local government center, will continue these in the future

Missoula Neighborhoods is also working on other curating other trainings for leadership team members (Code of Conduct, leadership trainings, etc)

Energizers:

Programs to create community sense of place and improve community

Examples: neighborhood cleanup, composting, treeing of neighborhood (urban forestry), block parties more regularly, grant program (20k per year/ 6k per project - calming roundabouts, repainting turtles, painting traffic boxes, park improvement

Block Party Recap:

- Organized by the Franklin to the Fort Neighbors in Action committee, in conjunction with the Office of Neighborhoods & Neighborhood Council
- Organizers didn't know what to expect for attendance and as they had never sent a mailing to the entire neighborhood.
- Had 3 food trucks, but clearly need more next year
- Unclear how many people were in attendance but estimating 500 people
- Had contact with everyone in the neighborhood via mailing so people who didn't attend were able to still provide feedback & express interest in joining various neighborhood groups
- A lot of learnings to be used for next year
- NIA collaborates closely with PTA at Franklin School to help market event and helped bring a lot of families over to the park immediately following a PTA event on that same day

Community Forums:

Hosted monthly, 4th Thursday per month

- Has been virtual but this week (September 22) will be the first in person meeting, for forum members only, post covid. Public will be welcome starting in October.
- Can be viewed live on MCAT

There are presentations at each one about city offerings

- examples: mental health, Missoula redevelopment agency, Missoula code reform

Trying to make these meetings less rigid and more inviting to the public

One rep from each neighborhood leadership team should be present at each

Leadership Team:

Will hold formal elections at the next General Council meeting in the spring.

- In the meantime, members can be appointed to allow the council/leadership team to function

The following neighborhood council members were voted on to the leadership team:

- Fiona Ridgway
- Jen
- Jenny
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Leadership Team Roles:

Chair, Co-chair, Secretary, Treasurer

Group decided to table this conversation until a later meeting, so roles have not been outlined

Future Meeting Schedule:

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 6:00 PM

- Tentative location: Franklin Park

Future meetings: Second Monday of each month, starting in November

- Nov 14
- Dec 12

Fiona to contact Franklin Elementary to see about using a room during the winter months.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned.