

# Lewis & Clark Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2022

6 PM – 8 PM

Sentinel High School Cafeteria

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1. Introductions for the following people were made. Lewis & Clark Neighborhood Leadership Team: Terry Conner, Chairperson; Colleen Biehl, Secretary/Treasurer; Kathleen Hanson, Member at Large.

Kalina Pritchard (Wickham), Missoula Neighborhoods; Tracy Campbell, Dept. of Storm Water; Mike Nugent & Amber Sherrill, City Council, Ward 4; 20 plus neighbors in attendance.

2. Minutes for the September 4, 2019 were approved as posted.

## 3. Presentations/Discussion

a. The South Hills drainage system into Bancroft Ponds Park and how it helps the water to return in better condition once filtered through the park and Cattail corner. She talked about the new interpretive sign in Bancroft Ponds that worked with the LC Neighborhood Council and the Parks Dept. to get the project finished. The sign nearest Bancroft Ave is about the water filtration as it runs through the park. The other 3 signs are located near the 2 ponds and one at the birding area. The signs are very informative showing the animals, birds and the flora and fauna of the park. An area near Elms Park along Pattee Creek has been begun restoration with Riparian planting done in early October and again next year. The plan is to establish native vegetation along Pattee Creek with the help of area residents and Missoula Conservation District.

b. **Green Space** - Colleen Biehl handed out maps of the neighborhood indicating the green spaces in the neighborhood. She encouraged the residents to think about what they may want or need in a park near them. Bancroft Ponds is a lands conservation area that cannot have picnic tables or play structures. The other parks can have these features and even more trees. Think about a spot in a park that may need a bench or a table to help your visit be more enjoyable. Contact the LC Neighborhood Council for help in having an idea to become reality. We can help find grants, donations, and other funding.

c. **Transportation Update** – Ben Weiss was not able to attend. Terry Conner relayed that the Traffic Safety Committee has worked for several years to help identify streets that have high crash incidents and where children cross. The intersection at Queen and Bancroft is one that the committee has asked for a painted crosswalk. The City transportation dept has been working on speed reduction for streets that border the schools. Two Calming Circles at Benton and Fairview with a stop sign system put up in the same area of the neighborhood. These came about through citizens input directly to the City. Now it seems that the high school drivers are finding other streets to cut through to get to their destinations.

d. **Bancroft Ponds Update** – Terry Conners told of the projects that are winding down. There is still more Trail work to be done near the birding area and the landscaping needs to be finished at the Outdoor Classroom, there is grant money held for when these projects can be completed. The Interpretive Signs Project is finished. Bancroft Ponds Park Strategic Plan is completed. Of course there will always be some maintenance.

e. **Street Art Project**- James Walter was unable to attend. One of the circles has been painted through his grant project.

4. **Elections:** Kalina Pritchard explained how the neighbor councils operate. She encouraged attendees to consider being on the Council so that all areas of the neighborhood would be well represented. Elections were held with no new members added. The current officers will retain their positions.

5. **City Council Update** – Q&A Mike Nugent & Amber Sherrill, City Council, Ward 4 answered a variety of questions concerning traffic and RV parking on the streets. Also, questions concerning extensive junk on properties, difficulty turning left on to SW Higgins. They advised that people need to voice their complaints by emailing them to be forwarded to the appropriate department or to go the city transportation website. You can also complain about potholes with where are located. Mike talked about the city codes being updated. This will take a few years to complete.

6. No public comment on non-agenda items

7. No Announcements

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