

University District Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Minutes

April 11, 2023

6:30 PM

UM University Center, Room 224

1. Introduction & Roll Call: Darcy Caron (Chair), Rick Caron, Jenny Mostafavi, Brandon McMahon, Allison Wilson, Jennifer Copley, Vicki Watson, Esteban Castillo (FSI Director UM), Emily Ferguson-Steger (Director of Student Engagement UM), Vickie Rectenwald (ASUM Transportation Director), MCPS Representative, Kalina Pritchard (Missoula Neighborhoods)
2. Minutes for March 14, 2023 will be approved at the May meeting.
3. Presentations:
 - a. May 2, School Elections - MCPS Representative shared information on MCPS Elementary and High School District Funding Request - General Fund and Building Reserve.
 - b. ASUM Transportation Vickie Rectenwald - Wants to ensure open lines of communication and let everyone know she is available with everyone's questions and concerns. UDASH is used by students as well as the public. They focus on sustainability efforts and are currently engaging students in a commuter challenge as a lead up to the Missoula in Motion commuter challenge.
 - c. Vicki W. asked about parking. Vickie R. said they work with the parking director and try to complement each other. They experienced a shortage of bus drivers this past semester but are getting back on track this semester and are currently working on expanding biking possibilities for students.
4. Discussion Items:
 - a. Emily Armstrong, Homeless Programs Manager, could not make it to the meeting. Jennifer and Kalina are trying to reschedule for next month. Brainstorming questions to ask. Rick asked if the annual meeting should address the houseless. Esteban said we should offer our support as an agency.

Neighborhood Cleanup April 29
 - b. Esteban says Order of Omega and other Greek organizations on campus have committed to going to the neighborhood cleanup. Darcy suggests Campus Drive might be the area to cleanup. Vicki W. and Emily mentioned the University has cleanup days planned for faculty, staff, and students. Campus Drive might be cleaned by those groups. Brandon recommends 5th St. and Arthur Ave. Rick recommends Maurice Avenue and the Craighead Apartments. Esteban says those apartments may be University facilities jurisdiction.

- c. Darcy says we should replant at the Maurice Avenue roundabout planters. Brandon says he will reach out to Garden City harvest to get donated plants. Rick is talking to Caras Nursery. Emily is going to reach out to UM's UC gardener.

Esteban mentioned on April 29, there will also be a music festival on campus. Darcy mentioned the pickle ball court unveiling. Reaching out to clubs for some demonstrations. Recommends 12-2 pm cleanup 2-4 pm pickle ball. The meeting place will be Bonner Park.

Esteban asked if the UDLT still wants to overlap our events with Dad's weekend, which is the week before the neighborhood cleanup. Darcy said that probably will not be possible this year.

Jenny asked if there would be refreshments. Rick will look into funds.

- 5. UM Representatives Reports-
Emily noted that the UC center will be booked fast this fall.
- 6. UDLT and UM Athletes snow shoveling report - Rick Caron
Rick shared a thank-you note sent by the University student athletes. Says this is the 6th year of this program and it was the most successful. There was a lot of snow this year and the student athletes and Greek Life volunteers were champs. They are looking for a new place to store shovels. Emily and Esteban are looking around the University for space.
- 7. Neighborhood Budget- \$1,141.82
- 8. Community Forum Report -
Kalina reported the UD received funding for their grant proposal.
- 9. Missoula Neighborhood Reports - Kalina Pritchard
None
- 10. Public Comment on Non-agenda items

Vicki Watson - UM Athletic Facility.
- 11. Announcements:
Jennifer reached out to the Exec. Director of JRPC to see if Jeannette Rankin Park can get much needed updates.

Higgins Bridge concerns and suggestions.