

Riverfront Neighborhood Leadership Team Meeting Agenda

June 15, 2023

3:30 pm

Bernice's Bakery

Present: Christine Littig, Eva Dunn-Froebig, Tristan Hustler, Jonathan Qualben, Danny Gundlach, Deb Bonk, Kalina Wickham

Business Conducted:

1. **Minutes From Last Meeting.** Christine asked for comments or changes to the notes from last meeting. Eva pointed out a section relating to the Idaho Street development that needed to be edited. Christina and Kalina will make the agreed upon change. With that change agreed to, a motion was made and seconded to accept the meeting notes.
2. **Missoula in Motion.** Two representatives from Missoula in Motion (MIM), Allie and Bryce, briefed the RLT on some upcoming projects for which they are seeking Riverfront community involvement. One planned for 26 August 2023 is being called "Sunday Streets Missoula." This event would be taking place partly in the Riverfront Neighborhood, as it stretches from the XXXs downtown to the Hip Strip on Higgins. This event will feature a range of different public and private organizations with booths and being involved in sponsoring activities. The MIM team suggest that the RLT might want to consider being involved with sponsoring an activity and providing information on what the RLT does. They also requested RLT assistance in identifying volunteers from the neighborhood to support this program. The RLT agree to discuss potential options for our involvement at our July meeting.
3. Bryce provided the RLT with an update on MIM's plans to do some individualized marketing with respect to transportation options in the Riverfront neighborhood. Their activities will be exploring how people commute and what MIM and the City can do to encourage more multi- nodal transportation. The RLT and MIM representatives discussed ways to solicit neighborhood input.
4. **Table Talks/Common Good Update.** Christine kicked off this discussion, noting that the Table Talks team was proposing a new date for this event — 6 July at Free Cycles. The RLT had a brief discussion of whether this was a good date given the 4th of July holiday, but after a quick discussion with the Table Talks team it was agreed to stick with this date. The focus of this event will be to hear stories from neighbors about life in Missoula and how that should be impacting the City's thinking about updating zoning policies. This input will be highlighted and collected through a series of small group

conversations.

The RLT will be a sponsor for this event and we agreed to support this activity by providing funding for the posters and mailings advertising it. We discussed the importance of getting these materials finalized so we can use 2023 funding before our current budget expires at the end of June. We also agree to help solicit volunteers from throughout the Riverfront community to help support this event. The table talks team estimates that about 15 volunteers will need to be identified.

5. Idaho Street Project Update. Eva provided an update on the status of the proposed Idaho Street Townhome project. Residents who would be impacted by this development are interested in a meeting to discuss their concerns with the city planners, as they have not been able to arrange a sit down to hear city views and relay their concerns. The RLT agreed that it

Makes sense to bring both sides together for a discussion on this topic. An RLT member made a motion, that was seconded, for our team to draft a letter to the city explaining our interest in bringing the two sides together to help bring additional clarity to the status and decision making process.

6. Riverfront Neighborhood Budget. We have \$459.25 left in our budget and funds must be spent no later than 30 June 2023. As noted above, the RLT voted to use remaining funds to support advertising association with the Table Talks event.

7. Community Forum Update. There was no meeting last month. The next meeting will focus on code reform and zoning.

8. Missoula Neighborhoods Report. Kalina highlighted the recent report on the Riverfront Neighborhood that she had shared with the RLT. All agreed that this was well-done and will be useful at our next general meeting to help give residents a sense of our community composition.

9. Community Forum Report. Tyler provided a readout on the last community forum, noting the primary topics were neighborhood grant recommendations and planning for a number of neighborhood clean up efforts.

10. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items. *None*

Non Agenda Items:

1. Christine noted the team's continued need to find a meeting location that best suits neighborhood needs. Danny agreed to reach out to several local non-profits and businesses to inquire about their receptivity to allowing the RLT to our neighborhood meetings in their spaces. Our goal is to have a new location identified by our July meeting.

2. The team briefly talked about a concern raised at the May meeting relating to fireworks at Paddleheads events. Christine will share with team members a copy of the agreement between the organization and the city that governs events and activities at the field and the RLT will decide on next steps after reading thru it. Regardless, the team thought it would make sense for someone from the Paddleheads organization to come to a future meeting since they are a big part of our neighborhood.
3. The team also briefly discussed a prior request for additional information about that the Missoula Water Authority is planning to do with some land they own in the Riverfront neighborhood. There appears to be some interest in developing it. The RLT agreed to try and invite interested parties to our July meeting.
4. The RLT also discussed an interest in getting an update on MRA projects in the Riverfront neighborhood. An effort will be made to see if they can attend our August meeting.
5. The next RLT meeting will be held on 20 July at 3:30. Location is TBD but will be announced in advance.