

**Riverfront Leadership Team Meeting**  
**19 October 2023**  
**Willard Alternative School**  
**1545 - 1700**

**Roll Call/Introductions:** Riverfront Leadership Team members present for this meeting were: Jonathan Qualben, Tyler Warren, and Deb Bonk. Kalina Pritchard and Melissa Gukekart were also in attendance. The team did not have a quorum to approve minutes from the last meeting or approve the draft letter that was up for discussion. Other attendees included: Morgan Valliant to discuss the West Broadway River Project, Bryce Johnson to provide a Missoula in Motion update, and Bob Giordano.

**Minutes From September Meeting:** These will come back to the RLT at our November meeting for approval.

**Items for Discussion/New Business:**

(1) West Broadway River Project: Morgan Valliant provided background and a status update on this project. Key points included:

- The concept initially got legs in 2020 and was delayed due to pandemic-related issues.
- The focus for this project grew out of an exploration of issues and opportunities associated with the West Broadway River Corridor running from just above the Bitterroot Branch RR Trestle to just below the California Street Footbridge.
- The improvement/redevelopment of this area is being driven by multiple factors, including infrastructure improvements tied into the Mullan Road development. Because of this, the City received grant funds in 2021 for this project.
- The City is working closely with the Clark Fork Coalition, Trout Unlimited, and other stakeholders in identifying opportunities and issues.
- The project will contribute to river access and clean up/stabilization issues along the river bank.
- The City has hired a consultant team, River Design Group, to lead design of multiple options.
- The first period of public comment has wrapped up and Morgan walked us thru the input which, has been positive and in line with the project's overall goals. The team is working on design options and expects to have these available for public comment and engagement later this year. Interested parties can view the project's page on Engage Missoula and sign up for updates.
- The RLT and Morgan discussed inviting him to our next general meeting to provide an update on the options and public input.

(2) Intersection Letter: The RLT discussed the draft letter to the City Department of Transportation and the OSD Developers, but did not vote on it due to an insufficient quorum. This will be on the agenda for the November meeting. Bob Giordano was at the meeting to discuss his concerns about the Orange Street and Clegg Lane intersection. Bob suggested that we not get locked into a traffic light as the only possible solution and the RLT members present agreed to adjust the language to reflect this before voting takes place next month.

(3) Missoula In Motion: Bryce Johnson provided team members with an update on the work MIM has been doing over the past year in the Riverfront Neighborhood. His update included data from the surveys done in the neighborhood and the outcome of the personal engagement that resulted from this. MIM will be doing this project in the Northside neighborhood next summer.

- (4) Leadership Positions: This discussion was deferred to the next meeting.
- (5) Neighborhood Grant Ideas: This discussions was deferred to the next meeting.
- (6) Budget: No updates since our last meeting.
- (7) Community Forum Report: Nothing of consequence.
- (8) Missoula Neighborhood Report: Kalina noted the mayoral candidate forum that was scheduled for this evening and that City leaf collection is scheduled to start on 30 October.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the RLT will be held on 16 November at 3:45pm at the Willard Alternative School.