

Riverfront Neighborhood Leadership Team Meeting Agenda

January 18, 2024

3:45 pm

Willard Alternative School Room 208, 901 S 6th St W

1. Introductions and Roll Call
 - a. Present: Eva Dunn-Froebig, Danny Gundlach, Tristan Hester, Tyler Warren, Kalina Pritchard (Neighborhood Specialist), Linda Helding (Neighbor), Jim Henningfeld (Guest), Nicole Henningfeld (Guest), Bob Giordano (Guest)
2. Approve minutes from [November 16, 2023](#)
 - a. Tristan Hester moved to approve the November 16, 2023 minutes. Tyler Warren seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
3. Items to be discussed:
 - a. Saws and Claws- Nicole Henningfeld
 - i. Nicole gave an overview of Saws & Claws. It is a “Can the Cats” style competition for Missoula and Ravalli County. The goal is to foster friendly competition between neighborhoods about fire preparedness. They will measure outcomes through the amount of green waste or different installations. It is meant to make wildfire preparedness simpler, cheaper and more accessible. Nicole has been working with multiple partners (DNRC, Missoula County Emergency Management, Missoula Electric Cooperative) and trying to work with Fire Departments. There will be a sign-up on a website. Eva asked if there is a connection with Code Reform and Nicole said that she is working with City of Missoula planners on that. Tyler asked how to get renters involved. Nicole said renters will have to work with their landlords. When speaking about outreach, the Leadership Team will help spread the word about Saws and Claws through connecting with neighbors and will see how we can share this with the larger neighborhood. Nicole will come back to the team as the beginning of the program is closer.
 - b. Orange Street/ Clegg Intersection- Bob Giordano
 - i. Bob Giordano is the owner of Free Cycles and is a part of Missoula Institute for Sustainable Transportation (MIST) which is focused on safe and efficient transportation. He has been following the Orange and Clegg safety concern. He began speaking about the different types of roundabouts. There are 15 roundabouts in Missoula and there has never been an injury at one. There are 75 traffic lights in Missoula and there are injuries every other day. City Council approved a stop light a few weeks

ago but Bob is advocating that there should be a bigger conversation about moving Orange Street from five lanes to two or three lanes. Bob came to the Leadership Team to begin this conversation at the grassroots level. Bob went over some data points about average daily traffic on Orange/Stephens. He showed some designs of what it could look like with roundabouts and/or a middle lane barrier. Eva suggested that we continue this topic during our next meeting in February.

4. Neighborhood Budget
 - a. No report
5. Community Forum Report
 - a. Tristan said that there was multiple presentations about the Transform Brooks project and an equity community group (connected to Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Trails – PROST).
6. Missoula Neighborhoods Report – Kalina/Melissa
 - a. Kalina mentioned that the Local Government Academy is beginning in February. The Neighborhood Grants are currently being scored by the Neighborhood Leadership Team subcommittee. Kalina also mentioned that the Neighborhoods Office has been working on an engagement toolkit and a strategic action plan toolkit that should be ready for Leadership Teams in February.
7. Public comment on non-agenda items
 - a. Linda Helding said that she would like to speak with the Leadership Team about urban camping/houselessness. She has some mitigation ideas for houseless folks in the Riverfront neighborhood.
 - b. Gwen Hope emailed Kalina to ask if there could be a virtual component in future meetings.
 - c. Eva mentioned that she heard from Caleb Casper about a pocket park on Ivy. He is working with Logan McInnis to see if that space could have a component of green space along with the solar panels that are currently planned for that location.
8. Announcements
 - a. Tyler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tristan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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