

Riverfront Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2024; 3:45pm

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

Roll Call/Introductions: Riverfront Leadership Team (RLT) members present for this meeting were: Danny Gundlach, Tristan Hustler, Tyler Warren, Jonathan Christine Littig, and Deb Bonk. Melissa Glueckert was also in attendance. Other attendees included: John and Kathy Ericson, Melissa Blundt, and David Selvage from the City of Missoula's Parks and Recreation. The team had a quorum to conduct business.

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting: A recommendation was made, and seconded, to approve the minutes from the RLT's February meeting.

Silver Park Sculpture Walk: David Selvage kicked off our meeting with an update on the status of the City of Missoula's Parks and Recreation planning for a sculpture walk in Silver Park in the Old Sawmill District are of the Riverfront neighborhood. Some of the key points highlighted by David included:

- The city settled on Silver Park because it is a known location and has the infrastructure and support facilities to support such a project.
- The sculptures would be funded through private, not city, funds and most maintenance would be handled by volunteers affiliated with Arts Missoula.
- All works of art would be reviewed and approved by the Parks Board.
- The survey results collected thus far from Engage Missoula have been overwhelmingly positive. The biggest concerns center on graffiti/vandalism and the impact of unhoused persons creating a negative environment for visitors.
- It is anticipated that the decision will go before Mayor Davis and the Missoula City Council in April 2024.

Safety Concerns at Intersection of South Russell Street and 1st Street West: This issue was previously discussed at the RLT's February meeting, and Danny Gundlach offered to draft a letter to Missoula Public Works to raise our concerns. The draft of this letter was shared with the RLT prior to today's meeting. All RLT members in attendance supported the letter and offered no changes. A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the draft and send the letter.

The RLT meeting ended early as we were not able to conduct our meeting inside the Willard Alternative School (it is spring break) and we were all getting cold. We are working to identify a time next week to finish going over today's agenda, including the timing of our next general neighborhood meeting and coordinating a Riverfront clean up team for 27 April 2024.