

## **Northside/Westside Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Agenda**

May 15th, 2024; 6pm Burns Street Community Center

**1. Introduction and Roll Call** - Sam Duncan, Derek Kanwischer, Timmothy Garrison, Roe Erin, Gretchen Hooker, Gordy (Chief of Missoula Fire Department), Emmett, Joel (Captain at Engine 1), Ric Mcleod, and one other neighbor came in late (didn't catch her name)

**2. Approval of Minutes from April 17, 2024 at next meeting** - approved

**3. Presentations:** a. Fire Mill Levy- Missoula Fire Department and Fire Union

- In 2014 Master Fire Plan - determined growth of Missoula Fire department and how it was going to keep pace with the growth of Missoula; looking for public safety group to be established. 2014 bond was proposed and didn't pass. Need to find land for a future location of a new station. 2008 was the last time they increased an FTE. In 2008 the call to service was approximately 5000+ calls, this past year the calls to service was approx 10,000 calls (calls have doubled.) Response times have increased. This levy would be funds to hire an additional 20 FTE firefighters, capital to build a new station, equipment replacement. The cost to homeowners would be \$46~ per \$100,000 value per year in perpetuity. The Mobile Support Team (MST) is funded through fire as well. MST will be unfunded if the levy doesn't pass.
- Participants asked questions and discussed the already great tax burden that makes it hard for lower income home owners to be able to pay taxes.

**4. Items to be Discussed:**

a. Spend Rest of FY24 Budget - Last balance \$1600~; \$150 was spent on egg hunt; unknown what was spent on clean up. We have at least \$1300 remaining; Ideas that were brought up:

- Gretchen proposed buying more sandwich boards to better communicate with the neighborhood. We currently have 3. Could buy up to 3 more so that we could have 3 per neighborhood. Proposition to buy 3 more signs with 3 plastic covers.
- Park benches, exercise equipment for a neighborhood park- *Someone suggested to table this idea until later since this would be a longer process to approve*
- Funding to increase artist fee for Stella Nall who is doing a mural on the Northside Park in June.

Derek: Motion to allocate up to \$500 for sandwich boards and accessories and the remaining funds would go to Stella Nall artist fee. Seconded by Roe. All were in favor.

b. General Meeting Planning

- It was proposed that a small ad hoc group of 3 people meets before the next meeting to brainstorm ideas for the event and bring it to the June NLC meeting. Gretchen, Roe and Sam will meet and bring ideas!

**5. Community Forum Report-** Timmothy Garrison - left before giving the update

**6. Missoula Neighborhoods Report-** Melissa/Kalina - not present

**7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items -**

- Neighbors shared how much they enjoyed the egg hunt! There were a lot of neighbors that came out for it.

- Neighbor brought up concern for safety on Scott street and the need for more traffic circles to slow down cars.

**8. Announcements - None**

**9. Adjournment**