



Missoula Neighborhoods

River Road Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2024; 6pm

LaFray Park, 606 LaFray Lane

1. Leadership Team Members Present

River Road Leadership Team

Kim Walterskirchen
Chris Foster
Josh Deschner
Bill Watson
Cari Cuffney

Other

Kalina Pritchard, Neighborhood Specialist

2. The minutes from the April meeting will be approved at a later meeting.
3. Presentations:
 - a. None
4. Items to be Discussed:
 - a. Website Updates and Neighborhood Engagement
 - i. Chris proposed an idea to do neighborhood updates on the River Road website and to send more emails to the community. The neighborhood updates would be routine updates with links about projects and events happening in the neighborhood for residents to be aware of. Chris moved to start this new way of engagement on the River Road website and Kim seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chris will take the lead on creating the content.
 - b. General Meeting Planning
 - i. A discussion ensued about the upcoming General Meeting on Tuesday, September 24th. There will be a presentation by the Leadership Team and ask for ideas for neighborhood grants (15 minutes). The team also discussed having a survey about the neighborhood structure to gather more feedback from neighbors (15 minutes). The team will also have City Council members do a Q&A session (15 minutes), a presentation from Parks & Recreation about the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan (15 minutes) and Public Works (15 minutes). The Leadership Team motioned to not use post cards this year for the General Meeting, which passed unanimously. The team will look into hosting the general meeting at Garden City Harvest.



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5. Community Forum Report:

- a. Chris reported that at the last Community Forum meeting he mentioned that the River Road Leadership Team is looking at the feasibility of doing a neighborhood newsletter. There was a presentation about the Neighborhood Grants and the Parks & Recreation team asked for feedback through a survey on Engage Missoula. Chris also mentioned that he went to the City Council meeting to report on what the Leadership Team is working on and brought up the rezone in the neighborhood.

6. Missoula Neighborhoods Report:

- a. The Leadership Team discussed meeting spaces for future Leadership Team meetings. The team decided to meet at the Missoula Food Bank for the June meeting to test out the space. The team will move to Tuesday to accommodate the scheduling requirements for the Missoula Food Bank.

7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- a. Chris brought up a discussion about National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

8. Announcements:

- a. None

9. Adjournment