

# Northside/Westside Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Agenda

June 26th, 2024; 6pm

Burns Street Community Center

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Introduction and Roll Call

Members Present:

LT: Timmothy, Joyce, Gretchen, Roe, Gabe, Derek

Public: Emmit, Matt Kiel, Susan Titleman, Kalina, Jules, Stacy

Quorum present:

Approval of Minutes from- [April 17, 2024](#) & [May 15, 2024](#)

Meeting minutes approved – Roe / Timmothy

Presentations:

a. Trees for Missoula- Susan Teitelman

**Climate Smart Missoula – Trees For Missoula –**

**Outreach and education – urban forestry –**

1<sup>st</sup> year – public input: opinions and barriers to an urban tree canopy

2<sup>nd</sup> year – plant some trees – and long term maintenance and education

Roe suggested we include Trees for Missoula at General meeting –

\* Add website and information to the meeting minutes --

<https://www.treesformissoula.org>

Items to be Discussed:

1. Northside Pedestrian Bridge Reopening in July- Possible Event?  
mid to late July opening – ribbon cutting! Or early August? Plan a band?  
Missoula in Motion is here to support this event planning / organizing --  
bike parade – possible band/music – Big Dipper – food truck --  
split / share expenses with MIM & City?

2. General Meeting Planning

Sam, Gretchen, Roe met as subcommittee

2<sup>nd</sup> week of September – N. Side park – cook out theme. Wed. Sept 11th.

connect with bridge opening – parade over the bridge – celebration

Goals: awareness – sharing out and sharing in – elections for new members – voting on bylaws, etc.

\*Vibe of event: to be like a block party – DJ, music, face painting,

presentations – Trees for Missoula, others, tbd, minimize presentations?

Can we have a bar-b-que or grill out – Kalina checking out whether we can cook without a commissary kitchen – As a fall back, we could purchase and cook hotdogs, veggie dogs, or other pre-cooked and packaged items for grilling / serving.

General Meeting will also good timing pre-grant so we can publicize the annual grant program / process.

\*Subcommittee will continue to meet and provide updates for formal approvals --

July 8<sup>th</sup> : is next meeting for City Council --  
share out – 3 minutes --

1. Planning for General Meeting – date tbd
2. Excited about the upcoming Ribbon Cutting for the NS/WS bike ped bridge  
express our gratitude to City Council and Missoula City Staff for helping to make this happen. The neighborhood would like to emphasize the importance of also improving the safety conditions of the Orange street tunnel -
3. NS/WS Leadership team and neighbors have ongoing concerns about the impact of new development in the NS and how this development (without fully considered or planned for infrastructure) will impact traffic, congestion, etc. (safety concerns)
4. Safe routes to school is one last point of concern– Please prioritize this / these projects now! We would to see regular updates about progress to make our intersections safe for our neighbors and kids.

\*Gabe – will speak to City Council Monday July 8th

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The Following language was published for the NSWS Team report:  
Northside/Westside Leadership Team Report:

- Northside/Westside neighbors recently completed a mural in the Northside Park using funds from the Neighborhood Energizer Grant and the Neighborhood Leadership Team, and the team is thankful for the City of Missoula continuing to support community art!
- The Leadership Team and the neighborhood is thrilled about the reopening of the Northside Pedestrian Bridge. The Leadership Team is looking forward to helping with an upcoming Ribbon Cutting for the reopening. The team wanted to express their gratitude to City Council, Parks and Recreation and other City of Missoula staff for helping make this happen.
- The NS/WS Leadership Team and neighbors would like to emphasize the importance of also improving the safety conditions of the Orange Street tunnel, Scott Street Bridge and safe routes to schools. There are ongoing traffic safety concerns about the impact of

new development in the Northside and how this development (without fully considered or planned for infrastructure) will impact traffic, congestion, and safety. The team would like to see these projects prioritized and to have regular updates about progress to make the intersections safe for neighbors and kids.

- The Leadership Team is also planning the General Meeting for early September. It will be a gathering in the park.
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Community Forum Report- Timmothy Garrison Neighborhood Budget:

a. Spend rest of FY24 budget

- i. Northside- \$267.17
- ii. Westside- \$ 817.16

Previous expenses for Sandwich Boards and Printing approved

Missoula Neighborhoods Report- Melissa/Kalina a. City Council Report (July 1<sup>st</sup>)

Kalina sent an action plan guide – We should all review this content --  
kalina will send new updated version of the bylaws.

Our Missoula – Code Reform project update --  
6:00 Community Forum – share any info from the meeting --  
Joyce will attend the Community Forum --

Motion to approve ice cream funds/credit -- approved  
subcommittee: Joyce, Roe, Gabe

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items Announcements

Matt Kiel – transportation planning background – increased density – affordable housing  
is it one or the other – Missoulian uncommitted  
Roundabouts for Scott Street ‘roundabouts’ \$250,000

Missoula Outdoor Cinema --

DK to share minutes ASAP --

NS/WS sandwich boards / flyers – tabling for the movies --  
neighborhood residents will be present – can promote our upcoming events / activities / news

Gabe will facilitate next meeting  
Roe will take meeting minutes --

Adjournment

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Proposed agenda topics for next meeting:

- General Meeting discussion
- Budget discussion
- Bylaws update discussion
- Outdoor Cinema Participation
- Community Forum
- Neighborhood Report: City

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Letter from NMCDC to participate in upcoming Missoula Outdoor Cinema Events:

Hope your week is going well! I was planning on attending the Council Leadership Team tonight but cant seem to break this fever and my MOC coordinator is unsure if they can make it tonight so I thought I'd flag MOC block party items for you here!!!

As you all may know, NMCDC is hosting Missoula Outdoor Cinema July 19th, August 2nd, August 16th, and September 6th this year, and hosting park parties beforehand for the neighborhood. This being said, I'd love the NS/WS Council Leadership Team to be involved however possible, and give the neighborhood some ownership over these pre-screening events. So far, we've just been doing outreach to non-profits and others to table and getting some quotes, and are planning to reach out to Indigenous Made Missoula and Missoula Maker's Market for a couple of these events this week! Outside of this, activities/programming is up in the air but we're hoping to incorporate some music, games, and food dependent on sponsorships, and would love to know if and how you all would want to plug in our if you'd want to partner in any way!

Happy to set up an additional meeting with folks when I'm back up to speed but given these are coming up quick I wanted to flag for you all before the meeting today! Let me know if you have any thoughts or questions (:

Cheers,

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