

University District Leadership Team Meeting – Neighborhood Council
Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024

Kalina Pritchard, Tim Edwards, Jennipha Nielsen, Mirdad (unsure last name), Rue, Vicki Watson and Emily Ferguson-Steger

Special Guest

No notes were available to approve from June's meeting in Bonner Park. Emily apologize for that oversight on her part.

Claire and Katherine from Missoula In Motion (mim@missoulainmotion.com) and Sunday Streets to talk about the upcoming Sunday Streets in University District.

- Event scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 15th with street closures from 10a – 4:30p
- Stones and Stories is unfortunately on the same day due to River City Roots having to move their dates due to the big concerts in town. While this was not desired there were no other dates that would work. Going forward they will continue to try not to have two pillared events like this on the same date/time.
- Sunday Streets will have 45 or so hosted activities, food trucks, fitness classes at Bonner Park and so much more.
- Ask for Neighborhood Council: Missoula in Motion would appreciate assistance for doorhangers and windshield fliers. Mirdad and Tim volunteered to assist.
- Ask for Neighborhood Council: please let your neighbors know about this amazing event.
- Ask for Neighborhood Council: to remind folks who live on the actual route if they could park off the route from 10-4 that would be preferred.
- Kalina will provide Jennipha with the A-Frame signs which will be returned after the event.
- All those living within the closure have received postcards about this event.
- Jennipha plans to put the event in Next Door to ensure more people can learn about it and attend.
- Emily will add Sunday Streets to GrizHub so the whole campus community can learn more about it.
- Sunday Streets has filled all of its volunteer needs so folks can just come and enjoy!

Reminder that Jennipha has her free food distribution each Sunday in the ally near her house.

Meeting

Darcy and Rick have resigned from UDLT. Any questions can go to Kalina or Melissa. We thank them for their years of service to this committee.

- Next steps – leadership and team recruitment
 - We currently have just a few voting members – Jennipha, Tim and Shirley
 - Continue to build a strong team including new leadership
 - This can be voted on during the upcoming General Meeting

General Meeting

- Have to determine the meeting space for this meeting
 - Not the UC Theater as it feels to formal

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- Maybe the UC Commons for more of a round table discussion 6-8PM, currently available for these dates and times.
- Table talks
- Possible dates include: Nov. 21st or Dec. 4th
- Possible talking points – for table prompts:
 - Speeding
 - Parking

Moving the UDTL Meetings

- Conflict has arisen for folks for the first Tuesday
- Will consider the first Wednesday of the month
 - Kalina and Melissa will be checking with the other councils to see how they all fit together
- Perhaps looks at other venues include: Hellgate High School, Tandem, Senior Citizen Center, Fire Stations, Grizzly Grocery, etc.
 - UDTL could provide up to \$50 per reservation for locations
 - Jennipha will be looking into finding some other options
- Emily will release the comp'ed UC booked rooms

Sunshine Laws (a law requiring certain proceedings of government agencies to be open or available to the public)

- Can't make decisions or large discussion outside of formal meetings
- No email voting
- Texting and emailing agenda items is permitted

5th street Neighbors had a meeting to look for solutions for 5th/6th street speeding.

- Flashing speeding sign
- Jennipha talked to the Montana Hwy folks at the Missoula Fair
- Jennipha is working on possibly creating a petition to make positive changes regarding the speeding on 5th/6th
- Rue lives on 6th street
 - Gerald has a flashing walk sign
 - Hilda neighbors have installed buckets with crossing flags
 - This street is a barrier between the neighborhood and the River Connection Trail and thus has a lot of usage
- Kalina – suggested having Ben Weis (City of Missoula Senior Planner) come to an upcoming UDLT meeting to discuss more about the City of Missoula plans for transportation.

Storage for the UDLT supplies

- Pickle Ball stuff
- A frame signs

Community Forum Report

- Jennipha and Shirley are UDLT representatives

Missoula Neighborhood Report (Kalina)

- City Parks – compliance needed or we loose the use of pickleball courts in the spring at Bonner Park.
 - Signs are in place
 - Hoping with the light and weather changes – times people will play will also change

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Updates and Announcements

Jennipha

- Community Emergency Training Team (after the big storm people might be quite receptive)
 - Provide a training for the University District
- Map Our Neighborhood (after the big storm people might be quite receptive)
 - Provides a way for neighbors to connect and foster conversations
 - Helpful in times of emergency
 - Must be updated regularly as we have so many renters in this district

Tim

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Emily

- Rock Your Neighborhood proposal – something that might happen via Neighborways

Vicki

- Trees down on campus and in the neighborhood after the big storm
 - Red tags put on by the city means cut down

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- Yellow tags put on by the city means trim
 - This is supported by FEMA funding

Meeting Adjourned at 8:16PM