



Missoula Neighborhoods

## Heart of Missoula Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2025; 5pm

Jack Reidy Conference Room (140 W Pine St, Missoula, MT 59802)

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1. Introduction and Roll Call
  - a. Leadership Team Members: Alan Parker, Michael Flora, T-Bone Plesant, Luke Aguilar, Fiona Harris, Naomi Lichtenberg, Chris Kennedy
  - b. Neighbors: Laurel Farrell
  - c. Staff: Melissa Glueckert and Kalina Pritchard
2. Approve Minutes at a future meeting— May, June, July
3. Items to be Discussed:
  - a. Missoula Neighborhoods Office Overview and Neighborhood Council Structure
    - i. In 1994 the voters approved a local government study and created the neighborhood council structure through the city charter in order to ensure every resident in Missoula has a chance to participate with their neighborhoods.
    - ii. The neighborhood council includes everyone who lives or resides in the neighborhood boundaries, whereas the neighborhood leadership team is a smaller group whose purpose is to help effect change and educate the city on the neighborhood.
    - iii. Kalina went over different roles of the leadership teams including: Chair/Co-Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer, Community Forum representative and CF alternate.
      1. This will be discussed next meeting.
    - iv. Programs from the Neighborhoods Office:
      1. Energize your neighborhood grant program- \$20,000 the NH office is allocated to give out to neighborhoods with a \$6,000 limit.
      2. Clean-Up day typically in the spring
      3. Traffic Circle adoption program with a small grant program.
      4. Candidate Forums- a nonpartisan place where neighbors can learn more about the city council and mayoral candidates.
      5. Local Government Academy- 6 weeklong educational program that goes through all of the departments of the city government.
  - b. General Meeting Review
    - i. There has not been a general meeting for the Heart of Missoula neighborhood in around 5 years. This was the biggest turnout historically with over 100 attendees.
    - ii. Format was different, typically has been presentation based but this was tabling “community fair” based. Attendees really enjoyed this format. Team members felt that this way neighbors were better able to talk with each other and connect



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and were able to go to tables that were specific to their interests in the neighborhood.

iii. Raffle was a good way to get people to the meeting.

c. Future Agenda Items:

- i. Downtown Safety Access and Mobility project (Downtown SAM): Front and Main Street two-way conversion.
- ii. Parking
- iii. Federal Building Update
- iv. Parks and Recreation
- v. Survey Results
- vi. Grant Ideas

4. Community Forum Report-

a. August 28<sup>th</sup> in City Council Chambers- Chris can attend

5. Missoula Neighborhoods Report- Melissa/Kalina

a. City Council Reports for the rest of 2025 includes Sept 8 and Dec 1

- 1. Will do the Sept 8<sup>th</sup> report next month

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

a. Laural: I live on East Pine Street and parking is terrible and many neighbors are scared when the city moves to the federal building. Would like to see a parking study done in that area from the perspective of neighbors.

b. Chris: We have a budget to spend and can also write grants for the grant program

7. Announcements

a. Next Meeting- Leadership Team Roles,

8. Adjournment

a. Moved by Chris, 2nd by Naomi. All in favor.