

December 3, 2025 | 6PM | University Center Room 215, University of Montana
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1. Introduction and Roll Call

- a. Meeting was called to order by Mehrdad Mostafavi at 6:02pm

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. May 7, 2025 – note that Rue Orford's name is misspelled
- b. Sept 10, 2025
- c. Nov 5, 2025 – note that Rue Orford's name is misspelled
 - i. Tim Edwards moved to approve the May, September, and November meeting notes with the edit of Rue Orford's name on May and November's notes.
 - ii. Rue Orford seconded that motion
 - iii. All voting members in attendance were in favor, none were apposed or abstained.

3. Presentations:

- a. [Jodi Pilgrim](#) - Missoula Parking Director

Thank you for the invitation to join you all tonight.

My goal is to connect more with you and other leadership councils to answer their questions.

Let me share with you a couple updates that have developed since the last time I was with you:

- Let me start by addressing the piolet program that we planned to roll out this past Fall. Where folks would be able to pay to park, for up to 2-hours in all of the areas that Missoula Parking controls, did not in fact launch.

We found that we didn't have a backend system flexible enough for the time limits.

What we will be offering – will be 2 hour per day parking options.

The cost for this parking around the University will be more expensive than on campus to encourage this not to be a first option.

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The challenge with our current system is that it was not able to notify parking enforcement officers when folks have exceeded the time limit.

So we drafted an RFP and posted it to find the right system.

With that said it will probably not be ready until Spring or Summer '26. We are hoping to do a pilot run in June 2026.

- Mehrdad – can you tell us more about where this new parking option will be?
- Jodi – Good question. Any area within the City of Missoula's current permitted areas.
- Mehrdad – how can you tell if they move their car every two-hours?
- Rue – License plates
- Jodi – Yes, the system wouldn't accept payment for any specific license plate more than once per day – regardless of the zone within the city.
- Mehrdad – Two-hours just isn't enough time.
- Jodi – We don't want people to choose the neighborhood over alternative options include campus parking lots and alternative transportation options. The limited hours are also by design. The option for folks to park for a short time for cost provides an offset for paying for the system.
- Mehrdad – Why create hardship to the neighborhood when the University should just build more parking?
- Rue – the City can't force the University to build more parking.
- Mehrdad – The City has to approve the permitting for new construction, for something to be demolished so why wouldn't they have the right to tell the University they need to build more parking?
- Jodi – there are no space, in the neighborhood for additional parking lots. In addition, on average it costs around \$65K per stall to build a parking structure. This would mean it would cost taxpayers millions of dollars to put in a parking structure. What we have learned from other cities – you can't build your way out of a parking crunch – you have to provide

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more incentives and avenues for alternative transportation (like bikes, walking, buses, etc.)

Mehrdad – the Cities plan to reconsider zoning means that our neighborhood is getting more crowded.

- Jodi – the goal of this parking program would be to restrict, monitor and enforce permitted or hourly pay parking to improve current parking situations.
- Lisa – follow up, can any one uses these spaces or are they just for UM and Hellgate folks?
- Jodi – Great follow up. These would be for anyone to use.
- Lisa – so if I had someone coming to visit?
- Jodi – great question yes, they would be able to use the 2-hour parking or you can still go through the current process where as residents you let Parking know and they can issue a temporary parking permit for service workers and guest you have at your residence.
- Jodi – this will be a three-month pilot so we will be revising lots of finite points to ensure we have identified what is both working and not working. We will be asking and gathering feedback and implementing changes as needed.

No one wants the situation that “Bubbles” the pink bug that was finally towed after two years of moving a couple feet up and a couple feet back each time it got a ticket.

- Guest – could the permitted zone be expanded
- Jodi – City Council did approve – on [Nov. 17, 2025](#) the expansion of the Hip Strip parking district. The Missoula Parking Commission's authority, as of Jan. 1, 2026 runs along Hazel Street to Roosevelt Street, and from Higgins down to Third and Fourth streets. The expansion also reaches east of Higgins, mainly butting against the University District. This program could include things such as high school student parking permits.
- Jodi – some part of the study that we considered included what available lots are in the area and not used all of the time – could better communication to these entities empower usage of these spaces when they are not being used.

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Great example: the old MCPS building already has over 50 spots (most unused) and it could be re-imaged to fit even more cars. Could this be a lot for Hellgate staff/administrators or students? There is also a church – who does use their lot at times during the week for events but much of the week the lot stands empty. Could more communication open opportunities we just don't have right now? My office would love to talk to more people to see what we can develop as solutions.

- Guest – in January who will you start ticketing?
- Jodi – great question. We are going to focus on safety violations primarily while we ensure to get existing signage updated. That means we will be focusing on things like folks blocking driveways, yellow zones, ADA ramps, etc.
- Rue – I live a block up from the parking district – currently – and this sounds like an amazing plan as I can say for parking for big events – the parking gets insane and ensuring that we can leave and return to our residences will be a big help.
- Jodi – My office has had some challenges in getting communication going with Hellgate High School.
- Guest – I would suggest the principal. He came to a meeting of concerned neighborhood members about a year ago. While he shared, he can only govern behavior of students on his campus – solutions including not having two back-to-back free periods were adapted and many of the issues that the neighborhood was once seeing have tapered a bit.
- Jodi – my office has received calls from his administration about concerns about too much ticketing around the school but when I reached out to continue the conversation – I got no response.
- Mehrdad – I see empty parking lots around the high school. Why doesn't the university and the high school just do valet parking? Valet parking makes it easier for folks to park in a more compact area and provides jobs.
- Jodi – Hellgate is adjacent to a 30 slot parking lot owned by the Episcopal Church.

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- Guest – As a member of that church we want to be good neighbors but sometimes we do need that parking lot during the week for events, funerals, etc. which makes offering the lot up every week day challenging.
- Jodi – could you connect me with the right person at the Episcopal Church to explore this more?
- Guest – I have a question about the towing for street sweeping. Is it true that no one is charge when their car is towed?
- Jodi – we should charge for it – but we don't. This is not directly under my preview. I can say many of the cities departments are reviewing old ordinances. I in fact reviewed this one – we used to issue tickets when cars weren't removed – but then that ordinance was removed with no discussion. Brian Hensel, the Director of Steets for the City of Missoula shared that he understood that people who got towed (and owed a fee) got so mad that it was determined that the city would just eat the cost.
- Rue – I don't oppose towing for a fee as long as every household is notified. This year there were street signs and cones but in the past they used to send something out or put door hangers out. That would be helpful.
- Kalina – I know the city worked to increase communication this year so perhaps some of the ideas you all have could be communication up for them to revisit.
- Tim – I liked the fliers that the Scouts used to hand out or put on your windshield wipers.
- Lisa – I have never heard of the registered owner of a vehicle not to have to pay for the pick-up and move charge.
- Rue – When my husband and I lived in Portland, OR they would tow cars if you didn't move them in three days – which was hard as we didn't move our vehicle often and once came out to find it had been towed. The City of Missoula does a lot to make its residents happy.
- Tim – I live at Keith and Ronald which is outside of the parking district. This fall was the worst I had ever seen it. Between the dorm construction

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and limited/expensive on-campus parking we have had students who park their cars on our block for multiple weeks or even months.

- Guest – do you know how many stories that new dorm is going to be? It's already at six stories.
- Tim – I believe it is six stories.
- Jodi – the University District is a congested district as it the neighborhood across Higgins.
- Guest – what is there to do about major remodel and construction in the area? There is the large Victorian House that is being remodeled on 5th and Gerald has construction vehicles, cones and bins that surround almost half of the entire block.
- Jodi – well maybe they will be done before January when my office takes over governing that parking district. If not, I look forward to working collaboratively to fix pain points like this.
- Guest – yes, its hard because while the construction workers aren't working on the weekend all of their equipment remains and takes up much needed parking spaces.
- Jodi – for downtown currently we have worked through some of these pain points which include that these vehicles and equipment is allowed at a work site they are not permitted to leave them or cones out over the weekend (when they are not working). This was done to aid in parking.
- Tim – is there anything that can be done about trailers?
- Jodi – trailers are permitted to be on-site for up to five days but will only be enforced if a complaint comes in. At that time they will go out and mark the trailer and then wait the five days. Please keep calling if you do have these issues as it is the best way for us to prioritize challenges.
- Jodi – Hip Strip parking and permitting. Reminder signs with fines will be going up in January of 2026. Currently the parking fine is \$20 – regardless of how many tickets you have. Starting in 2026 Missoula Parking will move to escalating ticket prices. Thus, your first ticket will be \$20, the second \$40, the third \$60, and the fourth/more \$100. This

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is to discourage folks from continuing to park illegally. We will be sending out press releases around this change. Jennipha had suggested in one of the conversations with Missoula Parking – that updating the parking signs to read something like “fines up to \$100 could work really well. We will be looking into replacing the current signs with updated ones for FY27 once the piolet has been completed.

- Mehrdad – the problem that this solution focuses punishment to the people and not to the City or University who have created this issue. The City of Missoula and the University of Montana should be the ones paying the fines. The University District RPP district has made it so there is no incentive to tell people not to park in the public right of way or outside of the boundaries of the district. The University is pushing their problem to us instead of being creative and either building additional parking or coming up with innovative solutions like valet parking.
- Guest – people are using our street parking like parking lots.
- Vicki – Jodi with the upcoming changes I would encourage you to ensure that your press release gets to the UM Kaimin and other UM newsletters. Yard signs that indicate that “new parking fines” would help folks who walk through the neighborhood notice the change.
- Emily – can connect Jodi and folks on campus who oversee the student and family communications on campus to ensure that this message can get out to the UM Community.
- Tim – I am interested to see what parking looks like when the new dorm is in and has occupancy.
- Rue – There are lots available for folks to park – they just don’t – as it requires the person to get on a bus to commute to campus. Even with free buses they are not utilized.
- Jodi – getting the information to parents and students would be so helpful.
- Vicki – getting into the [Hellgate Lance Newspaper](#) could be very affective.
- Jodi – that is a great idea and way to have public engagement via their student newspaper.

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- Guest – speeding between Higgins and Aurther on 6th is still a big problem. People fly down the road at nearly 50 miles per hour.
- Rue – great question. That is something we are working on as a University District Leadership Team. This team used grant funds to ensure that the red flags and bins were updated and met safety requirements. We have been working with Bob Giradono and others to see what additional measures such as making it a single lane of traffic, your speed is (signs) and other measures. It is complicated as it is a state highway.
- Guest – a speed sign that indicates “Your speed is...” would be nice.
- Rue – you aren’t wrong. We explored many options and similar to the High Schools response, many times we are getting a pass the buck scenario. The state indicated that they would be willing to erect the “Your speed is” sign but the City of Missoula would have to agree to maintain it.
- Kalina – Northside/Westside found lots of success in the sign they got for Scott Street Bridge.
- Lisa – It would be cool to piolet the one lane with protected bike/walk lanes for 5th and 6th.
- Rue – for those interested in this topic please feel free to come to our upcoming University District Leadership Team meetings and review our meeting notes as we have some great experts lined up to come up with a plan that will make our neighborhood safer.
- Lisa – yes, we have someone from Transportation coming to one of our upcoming University District Leadership Team meetings.
- Tim – 40 or 50 years ago, 5th and 6th was made the hwy connecting the Interstate with Highway 12. It would be nice to have it moved away from the neighborhood to a more logical route but that feels like then we are just pushing our problem onto another neighborhood.
- Guest – did you all know that [Elle Boldman](#) sought to change the statue of the road in this past legislative session? It really didn’t go anywhere but she did.

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- Rue – It is going to take a robust plan with all of the I's dotted and the T's crossed.
 - Guest – I think the Department of Transportation opposed her bill.
 - Rue – we should look into this more.
 - Bob – the risk you run by adding the Your Speed sign is that some folks will try to see how high they can get that number.
 - Rue – we should learn more from the Northside/Westside Leadership Team to see what they learned in their pursuits of getting the Your Speed is sign on Scotts Street Bridge.
 - Guest – folks already go so fast down the street it sets my car alarm off.
 - Jodi – I would love to come back to this team in April to talk more about timelines as well as answer continued parking questions.
 - Entire team and guests clapped for Jodi Pilgrim.
 - Leadership Team – we appreciate your willingness to come and keep coming back.
 - Thank you!
 - Tim – and thank you for Passport App it make parking in Missoula so simple.
- b. Village to Village- Missoula Aging Services – presented by Kalina Prichard
- Kalina – many of you maybe familiar with Missoula Aging Services. They do great work and provided services for the older generation within Missoula County. They are launching a new project called [Village to Village Network](#). They plan to launch this in January of 2026. This is a community based program to empower folks within Missoula County to age in place with dignity and grace. The goal is to create a network of: lending hands, skills sets, folks with time, support and overall belonging. With the utmost goal for folks to live independently as long as possible via the support of their neighbors.
 - The goal of the initial Village is for it to cover all of Missoula County
 - Then as folks sign up to both receive services but also to provide them – Missoula Aging Services will begin to create smaller Villages of folks within smaller demographic areas – for example University District.

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- To learn more you can email Missoula Aging Services at:
missoulavillages@missoulaagingservices.org
- They are looking for folks who can provide:
 - Support
 - Encouragement
 - Light Tasks
 - Empowerment
- The overall goal would be that perhaps one person doesn't have a car and needs occasional transportation support, and they also love to host dinner parties. Then the matched person is someone with a car who might be able to provide the occasional ride and is missing family meals or just doesn't like to cook. These two could be matched up and empower each other. They plan to host some teaser events to launch this program in the New Year. Keep your eyes peeled on their social media and website for more information.

Neighborhoods will also be sharing information out to all of the Leadership Teams as it becomes available.

This program will be membership based. You will register via Missoula Aging Services as either a recipient or volunteer or both.

- Rue – is this for one of things or more regular needs?
- Kalina – requests are put in by the person in need and then Missoula Aging Services will work the backend to determine appropriate matches based on things such as background checks, licenses, etc.
- Rue – My husband love to do one off things.
- Kalina – some tasks will have strict deadlines like rides to medical appointments. Other tasks will be more like if someone can help with hauling the leaves to the road would have a more flexible timeframe/window.
- Guest – this would be something great for college students
- Kalina – connection is key for this project. It has similar under ties to Map Your Neighborhood – encouraging neighbors to help neighbors.

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- Vicki – have you connect with the person who coordinate the volunteer activities on campus?
- Emily – I would be happy to do an email introduction between Jenna Mead and Kalina Prichard to ensure the University knows about this amazing program.
- Kalina – Franklin to the Fort is also interested in this program. Currently Montana has only one Village in Kalispell called [My Glacier Village](#).
- Guest – isn't there a liability to driving someone around in your car?
- Kalina – great question. That is why Missoula Aging Services is leading this project. They already have services and vetting procedures in place for similar type of services.
- Bob – is this just for the City of Missoula or for Missoula County?
- Kalina – It's the whole county so places like Frenchtown and Seeley are included as well.
- Rue – how can we help to promote this program?
- Kalina – feel free to share socials when they come out. Also, I know that Missoula Aging Services would like to attend an upcoming meeting to talk more about this project once it is launched.
- Guest – do you have a brochure about this project?
- Kalina – I don't and it doesn't appear to be up on the Missoula Aging Services website quite yet but I am sure they will have it up in January.
- Rue – you should encourage them to table at the Winter Farmer Markets as it is great exposure.
- Kalina – great idea. I am helping them get out the word and will let them know.
- Lisa – FreeCycle could also be a place to promote the program. Maybe folks could even make an adaptive bike or cycle (tandem, recumbent, handcycle, or trike that folks of all ages and abilities could use.
- Rue – that would be a fun build
- Adam Ramassen had to depart to put his infant to bed at 7:02pm

4. Items to be Discussed:

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a. [Code Reform](#) – Mehrdad

- Mehrdad - They are in the process of changing the [zoning laws](#) in Missoula and I think it is important that we all pay close attention to the proposed changes.
- Kalina – this proposal is currently being heard by the planning board. Once it passes then they will open up public comment before presenting it to the Missoula City Council. The goal is to have it to City Council for the Dec. 22nd vote.
- Mehrdad – I haven't heard of any opportunity for the community to share their voices and opinions. The engineer from the new dorm said that the new code will allow folks to put 60 studios where one house used to be. That's not what I want. I don't want this beautiful neighborhood to change. Look at the building next to Liquid Planet as an example – it doesn't fit.
- Kalina – they are still accepting public comment. You can reach out to:
 - your City Council Representative,
 - leave a comment via [Engage Missoula's website](#),
 - sent thoughts directly to the planning board or project team
- Many of these changes that are being proposed align with state laws (such as the AUD laws). To my knowledge these state changes did not come with parking requirements.
- Rue – that's why what works in Havre might not work in Missoula.
- Kalina – December 22nd is tentative.
- Guest – and they do listen, because when we noticed the new zoning on Mt. Sentinel they were able to go back and change it to Civic Zoning due to the comments. This means that some areas within University District is high density while other is open space.
- Lisa – there are still environmental constraints with Mt. Sentinel being mainly over 25%.
- The University of Montana was gifted Mt. Sentinel in stages with land giving by the Northern Pacific Railroad (1902 of 40 acres) and federal government (1906 – additional acreage extending to the summit) specifically for an observatory site, though the observatory wasn't built, the mountain became

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integral to UM for recreation and research, with the iconic "M" added later by students.

- Tim – what designates something University vs. County vs. City?
- Lisa – the University is still within the City and County of Missoula.
- Kalina – great question. Fort Missoula is a Federally controlled space but since it is within the City of Missoula it complies with city guidance as well as Federal. It is confusing. That is why universal zoning will be a nice improvement to what we currently have. I work right next to the city zoning team and I can tell you they read all of the comments that come in and work hard to meet the needs of Missoula the city, all of the residents and visitors. Most of their meetings are recorded if you would like to listen/watch them. There are some really good questions and answers provided during these. They include speakers from the Land Use Committee, City Council Members, the Oct. Community Forum, and they recorded their open houses if you weren't able to join them for one of those.
- Mehrdad – how can we make University District a historic district?
- Kalina – that would be through the Historic Preservation District. I think there are a fair amount of houses in this neighborhood that have Historic designations.
- Lisa – the new zoning empowers builders to build up to 60 studios on to a single lot to gain greater square footage in limited acreage spaces.
- Kalina – it would be nice to have the Historic Preservation folks come and give us some historical overlay to the University District. I could talk to the Historic Preservation Officer – I believe their monthly meeting conflicts with this meeting but we could see if they could come and share with you all as well as answer questions.
- Lisa – it is my understanding with the current historic overlay you can both take a home down to rebuild it or remodel it.
- Mehrdad – the outside of the home should have to stay the same – you can remodel the inside but not change the outside.
- Kalina – we can get a better overview from the Historic Preservation Officer. There are a lot of beautiful homes in this neighborhood. I believe that the

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University District does still have the highest density of historic homes within Missoula. You also have some of the largest homes on the smallest lots. Something the city is looking at is housing diversity vs. housing density while looking at the current and future needs of Missoula. Both University and Rattlesnake Neighborhoods have multiuse neighborhoods with Hilda as an example of having big homes, small homes, apartment buildings, a bakery, store, etc.

- Mehrdad – the dorm is six stories and folks are losing the view of the mountain.
- Kalina – the University is a bit different. They do own their land, within the City of Missoula so they do present their plans to the City Council for approval but it is on their land and within compliance of their reporting structure (Montana Board of Regents, etc.).
- Lisa – the University presented to City Council their plans as a courtesy not a requirement.
- Rou – What if – next to our apartment they try at putting one of those large 60-unit buildings. What can we do and where do they expect those folks to park?
- Kalina – depends
- Lisa – there are a lot of requirements including things like the email we got from Dan MacArthur (11.22.25 @11:49:

1. UR4 would allow up to 36 studio apartments or 18 2-bedroom apartments on a typical 7800 square foot parcel (now occupied by one single family dwelling). UR4 would allow a 20,000 square foot building on this parcel (most houses in the neighborhood are less than 3000 sf)
2. UR3 would allow up to 18 studio apartments on a typical single-family parcel.
3. Height limits are raised to 45' in UR4 and 35' in UR3 (30' now)
4. Street setbacks are reduced in both districts with UR4 permitting 0' front yard setbacks in some circumstances.

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(Typically, this would be 1' behind the back of sidewalk. 0' setbacks would require the removal of existing street trees.
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5. All types of residential uses (single family, duplex, cottage court, row houses, and apartments) would be allowed in all U area districts. Many commercial uses are also allowed up to 2000 sf. This applies to all parcels and in all University Area residential zoning districts proposed

6. No off-street parking is required for residential uses.

- Tim – I am guessing this will pass City Council
- Lisa – I agree there is a higher probability that it will pass.
- Kalina – Most likely there will be amendments and changes going forward
- Lisa – But a solidified plan is coming together
- Tim – To my understanding this was pushed by the state.
- Kalina – two bills in particular:
 - Floor Area Ration (FAR)
Senate Bill 528 (2023) and related legislation, aiming to reduce or eliminate restrictive local zoning, including limits on FAR, to promote more housing, especially Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and multi-family development, by removing barriers like height, lot coverage, and density rules that often involve FAR calculations, though specific FAR caps aren't always the direct focus but rather related density controls.
 - Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): Senate Bill 528 (2023) requires municipalities to allow at least one ADU by right on single-family lots. It also set state-level maximum size limits for ADU's, allowing them to be up to 1,000 square feet or 75% of the primary dwelling's gross floor area, whichever is less.
- Mehrdad – Could for the next meeting we ask the Missoula Historic Preservation Officer to join our Council meeting?

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- Kalina – I can certainly ask; however, I do believe your Neighborhood Leadership Team and the monthly Historic Preservation Meeting happen on the say night each month so we might need to become creative.
- Lisa – I can say I have been reviewing the zoning information and was able – with the websites and information out there to answer all of my own questions.
- Tim – Is the University just an island within the City of Missoula?
- Kalina – The University does own City/County land but the approval process for usage and building is a bit different.

5. Community Forum Report

a. Tomorrow is the November/December combined Community Forum

- All are welcome to attend
- 5-6pm will be a social with mingling
- 6-7pm will be the community forum with highlights from all of the neighborhoods
- Melissa and Kalina are working diligently on having Neighborhood Highlights from the past six months which they will share out and then provide space for folks to add or complement their neighborhoods highlights.
- Rue – Why did Novembers get missed?
- Kalina – great question. With the holidays in November and December we combine the two meetings into a single meeting at the beginning of December.
- Kalina – reminder, since the meeting begins at 5pm street parking is free.

6. Missoula Neighborhoods Report- Melissa/Kalina

a. Missoula Neighborhoods is looking for a Neighborhoods Leadership member to join them on the [Neighborhoods Grant Committee](#). Let Kalina/Melissa know if you are interested or would like additional information for this grant cycle or future grant cycle review committees.

b. [Local Government Academy](#) is a free six-week that will take place on Thursday's evenings from Feb. 12 – March 19th from 6:30 – 9pm. The application will close on Friday, Jan. 23rd at 5pm.

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c. Budget- \$1,555.70

- Mehrdad – when does this need to be used by?
- Kalina – Budgets refresh on July 1st the end of the fiscal year is June 30th
- Mehrdad – what are we going to spend our funds on?
- Rue – While I don't need a decision today, we did get the request from Russ (local neighbor within the University District) to get additional crossing flags. Some have walked away and we are in need of some additional flags to ensure safety.
- Kalina – what do you think our current count of flags is?
- Rue – great question we have had six gone missing.
- Vicki – maybe we should get uglier flags that folks won't steal
- Rue – I think we should add "City of Missoula" or "Brought to you by University District Neighborhoods" so people know where they came from.
- Kalina – how many flags are needed?
- Rue – we can order from the same company as we ordered the originals from. We used "[See Me Flags](#)".
 - 12 flags are \$70
 - 24 flags are \$129.99
 - Neighborhoods is willing to store extras at their office for future replacement needs.
- Mehrdad – I noticed when I was walking that there are no flags on 6th and the flags are only on two blocks.
- Lisa – I would propose ordering 25 and adding them to intersections that are missing flags.
- Rue – we would need to purchase more containers if we wanted to add more corners. The corners that were selected are corners with issues – including not having flashing lights, being a couple blocks off Higgins where folks are speeding up more, etc.
- Tim moved for the University District Leadership Team approves \$129.99 plus shipping and handling.
 - Lisa – seconded

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- No additional questions, comments or concerns
 - All in favor (Mehrdad, Rue, Lisa and Tim)
- Guest – you should put GPS trackers on each of the flags 😊
- Kalina – Just ensuring I understand who we would like to invite to the Feb. University District Leadership Team Meeting:
 - Phil from the Missoula Historic Preservation Office
 - Architect from the new dorm – McArthur
- Mehrdad – can we bring food?
- Rue – we should do a potluck when the weather gets warmer
- Lisa – we should ask MDOT or Missoula Transportation come and discuss 5th and 6th more.
- Kalia – we can start with City Transportation and maybe ask [Bob Giordano](#) back as well.
- Mehrdad – this is good because our overall goal should be beyond flags
- Rue – I liked Bob's idea of a single lane with protected lanes for alternative travel.
- Tim – they should also review the speeds. Speed kills.
- Rue – yeah the 20 – 25 means folks go 30 – 45

7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

a. Vicki a big decision is facing the City of Missoula. They are contemplating replacing the real grass at Orogen Field with artificial grass. The microplastics and peafas that could get into our ground water and then into the Clark Fork River before making their ways through the Columbia River and to the Pacific is unacceptable. The City of Missoula says they are committed to carbon neutral and zero waste and then they consider something like this. Artificial turfs only have a four to six-year lifespan. How can the city endorse this? We need everyone concerned to let City Council and their representatives know.

7:54 p.m. – Jennipha-Lauren Nielson arrived.

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- b. Emily – The Director of New Student Success, Devin Carpenter would appreciate joining us for the February meeting for 5-10 minutes to re-present The Big Event and see how he might be able to collaborate with the University District Leadership Team to make this event amazing!
- c. Jennipha-Lauren – Toys for Tots is not happening in Missoula this year so she and Soroptimist is hosting one. They have been collecting toys and will be doing a distribution on Sunday, Dec. 21st at noon.

8. Adjournment: Tim motioned for an adjournment with all in favor (Mehrdad, Rue, Lisa, and Jennipha). Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Next University District Leadership Team meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 4th from 6-8pm in UC 215.

Future Dates include: Wednesday, March 4, Wednesday, April 1, and Wednesday, May 6 all from 6-8pm in UC 215.