

River Road Leadership Meeting

On March 9, 2010 the Leadership Team met at the Missoula Plans Exchange.

Attending

Jeremy Flesch, Dax Kuehn, Andrea Kuehn, Katie Mickey, and Mike Hathaway
Guests

Ezra Williams from CTA, and Erin Scott, Neighborhood Liaison

The meeting was opened by President, Jeremy Flesch.

The minutes and treasurer report as read by Katie Mickey were approved.

The following Agenda Items were discussed:

Milwaukee Trail Connection Update -

Dave Shaw has scheduled the meetings to inform the affected areas about the Milwaukee Trail. The smaller neighborhoods will discuss the new trail on March 16 and March 18. Dax and Andrea volunteered to bring refreshments to the Tuesday meeting and Katie will bring them for Thursday.

Lafay Park Playground progress -

We discussed the possibility of having a picnic shelter and/or covered port-a-potty at the park, if funds allow. We agreed that it would be nice to hide the electrical box with either of these structures. We were informed that a port-a-potty needs to be covered to meet Parks and Recs requirements.

We discussed changing the name of the park from Lafay Park to Hope Park. There was concern about not having the street name associated with the park to help people find it. It was suggested that naming the playground "Hope playground at Lafay Park" might cover both. Everyone appeared happy to do whatever it would take to receive the extra funds.

We discussed how to utilize the blacktop area at end of Lafay Lane. It was decided that a standard basketball hoop would be best along with painted hopscotch and 4 Square areas.

Jeremy told us after some further research he found we were unable to have boulders in the front play area. Installation of the size rocks we talked about is too difficult and expensive. A climbing structure will be used in that area instead.

Ezra Williams from CTA showed us the new plan drawing as of the community planning session. They tried to include all the different suggestions that were made at the planning session.

He gave us the schedule of the bid process for the playground areas and told us the selection committee will meet on April 6. The suppliers usually need 4 to 6 weeks to deliver the material. It was noted that we have requested the use of local vendors whenever possible. It is estimated that the actual install will take about 4 days.

CTA has volunteered to supervise and work on the install with help from our neighborhood community. The neighborhood will provide things like labor for construction, painting, clean-up, providing food and drinks and or whatever is found necessary. A huge thank you goes to CTA for their generous contribution of time and energy that will allow us to have much better equipment for the playground. The schedule of upcoming events around the install will depend on supplier's schedules.

It was agreed that Jeremy, Dave Shaw, and Ezra Williams will schedule a neighborhood meeting in April to give an update on the status of the park and other projects. We will provide a pizza supper at this meeting. It is hoped the playground can be completed something in May.

Communications –

Dax is working on enlarging the database he has been creating of our neighborhood. He is going to add a new page to our web site for news worthy events from the neighborhood community.

He also volunteered to serve on the art committee with Jill Lee to help decide on the art work on the 3rd Street telephone box.

General -

We agreed to have breakfast items at future meetings when guests attend.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie Mickey, Secretary