

River Road Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, May 4th, 2011 at 7:00 AM
Missoula Plans Exchange

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
 - Jeremy Flesch, Chairperson
 - Dax Kuehn, Vice Chairperson
 - Andrea Kuehn, Special Projects
 - Chance Eaton, Secretary
 - Jesse Neidigh, Community Forum Representative
 - Melissa Steinike, Treasurer
 - Robin Spaziani, Communications
3. Minutes from March 2nd Leadership Team Meeting
 - Motion: by Andrea Kuehn and second by Dax Kuehn to approve the minutes from March 2nd Leadership Team Meeting
 - **Vote: unanimous vote in favor to approve the minutes from March 2nd Leadership Team Meeting**
4. Minutes from April 15th Leadership Team Meeting
 - Motion: by Andrea Kuehn and second by Jesse Neidigh to approve the minutes from April 15th Leadership Team Meeting
 - **Vote: unanimous vote in favor to approve the minutes from April 15th Leadership Team Meeting**
5. Sidewalk Committee
 - Several people have showed interest in the committee, and Dax will continue to recruit to fill this committee
 - Discussion about having basic guidelines & framework for Sidewalk Committee to work from to better ensure effective use of time and resources
 - General discussion on 10 starting questions for the Sidewalk Committee
 1. Do we need more sidewalks in the River Road neighborhood?
 2. How are busy, main streets prioritized compared to smaller side streets?
 3. What is the top priority, 2nd priority, 3rd priority, 4th, 5th etc.? Why are they prioritized this way?
 4. What are the costs associated with sidewalks?
 5. What funding possibilities exist? How are these funding possibilities prioritized - (ie - how realistic is it to get \$ from one funding source over another?)
 6. What are the groups of people (City Departments or other) to communicate with about sidewalks?
 7. What is the City Plan for sidewalks on Russell Street and 3rd Street?

- 8. What are the documents (studies or other Master Plans etc. - Ex. River Road Neighborhood Infrastructure Plan etc.) which impact or discuss sidewalks?
- 9. Are there any 'Safe Routes to Schools' in the neighborhood?
- 10. What is the priority of having a boulevard between the sidewalk and the curb?
- Additional potential sidewalk questions discussed including what is sidewalk philosophy, how does River Road neighborhood compare with other neighborhoods in terms of sidewalk coverage, sidewalk prioritization, existence of documents with city in regards to past research and plans.
- Strategic discussion on picking a priority street in the early stages, so the Sidewalk Committee could best utilize its time and resources
- Discussion about timelines for the Sidewalk Committee to work from
 - i. Dax is using the CBDG grant application date in October as one of the highlighted goal dates

6. Sandwich Boards

- Leadership team viewed one of the current sandwich boards, noting the issues of confusing message due to multiple neighborhood names, inability to change the board print, difficulty to maneuver, and labor intensiveness
- Action Item: Jeremy and Jesse will seek information on new sandwich board pricing, and funding opportunities from reallocation funds

7. Milwaukee Trail Connection – Update

- Construction is on track
- River Road would like to begin planning for Milwaukee Trail Connection Celebration, with Bentley Park as a possible location, due to trail presence. Would like it to be celebrated with the community at large, as well as city leaders on the council.
 - i. Will be looking for someone to head up the Bentley Park celebration at the next Leadership Meeting – can be broken into smaller responsibilities including food, band, etc.
- Trail Education – discussion on the importance of trail education, as well strategies to deliver the education
 - i. Ideas being – visiting with trail users as they come through our neighborhoods, postcards for people traveling through, visiting with vehicle traffic to be aware of trail usage, short term banners to announce trail usage
- Trail Enforcement – discussion on the official rules of the trail, how they will enforce, and who to contact in case of emergency.
 - i. It will be up to neighbors to educate the trail users on trail rules best they can, and in case of issues contact Missoula Parks and Recreation, and cases of emergency, City Policy and 911.

8. Anniversary of Neighborhoods in Missoula – June 5th 15 year anniversary

- Kickoff of the 15 year anniversary will start same weekend of the Sunday Streets June 5th

9. Things we love about our Neighborhood

- Dax has collected a list of favorites and will present at the Anniversary of Neighborhoods in Missoula

10. Walking tour of the River Road Neighborhood

- Still on hold due to weather and scheduling conflicts

11. Sunday Streets – June 5th and Sept. 11th

- Discussion about having a booth at the Sunday Streets, but informal decision to not have a booth due to scheduling and effectiveness

12. MUD Letter of Support

- Anne Little, Board VP of Missoula Urban Demonstration (MUD) Project has asked the River Road Leadership team if they would write a letter of support for CDBG grant through the OPG to help fund the project. MUD is currently working on “the Missoula Tool Library and Truck Share Relocation and Expansion Project”. The aim is to be more central and increase hours of service to better serve the community of Missoula. They are currently negotiating for a space west of Home Resource on Wyoming.
- Before agreeing to write letter of support, discussion on what that plan would look like, how the shipping containers would be used, and basic aesthetics of the proposed plan.
- Action plan: Jeremy and Jesse will visit with Anne Little, ask for plans, invite her to the site, and visit with her about what the plans would entail. They will then keep in touch with the Leadership Team, and decide to write the letter once more information is gathered.

13. River Road Newsletter – could be coordinated with an update on Milwaukee Trail construction or completion.

14. New Business

15. Next Leadership Team Meeting

- June 1, 2011, 7:00 AM – Missoula Plans Exchange