

Heart of Missoula Neighborhood Council

3/4/2009 GENERAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting was held at MCT Performing Arts Center in Room 302 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm with 15 people in attendance, including presenters. Only 5 are residents in Heart of Missoula. Lynn Redding chaired the meeting and prepared these notes.

Attendees:

LaNette Diaz, Neighborhood Office, 552-6081
Lynn Redding, 438 E. Broadway, lredding@hotmail.com 728-3903
Jason Wiener, City Council Ward 1
Bob Giordano, bike/pedestrian representative
Danielle Chalfant, 581-6452
Amy Copolupo, 514 W Alder, acopolupo7@hotmail.com 829-1605
Pam Walzer, City Council Ward 2, 1329 Sherwood, pwalzer@ci.missoula.mt.us 327-8660
Rod Austin, BID, raustin@downtownbid.org 728-1140
Bill Flanery, 1917 E. Broadway, beflanery@yahoo.com 721-6115
Linda McCarthy, MDA
Tom Zavitz, OPG
Laval Means, OPG
Leslie Ann Jensen, 516 W Alder, 721-3249
Joel Morken, 6572 5th Street, joelmorken@grizmail.umt.edu
Jacquie Hormann, 1863 E Broadway, jacqueline.hofmann@umt.edu

Neighborhood Council Business:

1. Amendment of By-Laws was discussed and adopted by residents with no opposition. Changes were needed to conform to City Charter and change meeting notification requirement to 15 days instead of 30.
2. Prior to elections, role of Leadership Team and need for participation from neighbors was discussed.
3. Bill Flanery nominated himself from the floor for term of 1 year and was elected without opposition.
4. Amy Copolupo and Leslie Ann Jensen are interested, but can not make any commitment at this time.
5. LaNette Diaz, from Office of Neighborhoods, stated that Leadership Team can appoint additional members as neighbors express willingness to be involved.
6. For continuity and support, Lynn Redding agreed to stay on as member of Leadership Team and alternate for Community Forum until other neighbors are willing to become part of the Leadership Team. It was noted that this is in conflict with term limits in By-Laws. This was approved without opposition.

Public Comment was held between presentations. See notes on page 2.

Presentations:

Maintenance for City Streets and Parks---- LaNette Diaz, Office of Neighborhoods: Presentation included information on Maintenance Districts, giving overview of how they work in other communities, and possible advantages and disadvantages to consider in whether they would be helpful to fund various City needs, such as street and park maintenance, trees, sidewalks, improvements and repairs. Intention is to survey citizens and find out what they think about these issues. This was first in series of presentations that LaNette plans to give at NC meetings and other gatherings. Written surveys were completed. Discussion included adding alleys, trees particularly boulevard trees, and lighting to list of maintenance concerns to be addressed.

Downtown Master Plan---- Linda McCarthy, Missoula Downtown Association: Detailed concise presentation of many aspects of the plan was presented. Public process has been ongoing for some time. Further comments can be made at BID website and plan documents will be presented at planning board meeting 4/7/09. This is beginning of adoption process. Comment was limited due to time and small number of people present. Generally plan was well received.

Public Comment: Bob Giordano spoke about need for further consideration of bike paths and roadway issues in Master Plan. Lynn Redding announced open position for Eastside Historic District representative on Historic Preservation Commission and read letter sent by neighbor who could not be present, regarding need for care in respecting and preserving historic fabric of Heart of Missoula.

Zoning and Subdivision Code Rewrite---- Tom Zavitz and Laval Means, OPG: Presentation showed map of NC and detailed various zones in the area. Discussion included neighbors asking about specific concerns. Some were R-III and R-IV being limited to 35' height. This was important to neighbors in attendance, since these areas have more historic character and are residential. B, C, and D would allow 45' height.