

River Road Neighborhood Council Leadership Team

April Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2012 7:00 a.m.

VEMCO: 201 N. Russell, Missoula, 59801

Leadership Team attendees:

Jeremy Flesch, Chairperson

Dax Kuehn, Vice Chairperson

Chance Eaton, Secretary

Andrea Kuehn, Special Projects

Robin Spaziani, Communications

Not Present: Melissa Steinike, Treasurer, Jesse Neidigh, Community Forum Representative

Other attendees:

Jane Kelly, City of Missoula

Dave Shaw, Missoula Parks and Recreation

1. Items discussed
 - a. **Secretary's report**
 - b. Presenter
2. Any decisions by consensus/vote
 - a. Motion: to approve the River Road Leadership Team minutes for March 2012 by Jeremy and second by Dax
 - i. **Vote: unanimous vote in favor to approve the River Road Leadership Team minutes for November and December 2012**
 1. For:
 - a. Jeremy Flesch
 - b. Dax Kuehn
 - c. Andrea Kuehn
 - d. Chance Eaton
 - e. Robin Spaziani
 2. **Against: none**
 3. Non-Vote:
 - a. Jesse Neidigh
 - b. Melissa Steinike
 - ii. **Action Item: Chance will submit approved minutes to the River Road Neighborhood website and send them to Jane Kelly from Office of Neighborhoods**
 3. Presentation—title and presenter
 - a. Milwaukee Trail - Dave Shaw, Missoula Parks & Recreation
 - i. Parks and Recreation is excited about Milwaukee Trail Citizens Group
 - ii. Dave reviewed what procedures to follow when events occur:
 - iii. **Emergency behavior or incident - 911**
 1. Anytime a citizen needs an officer
 2. Emergency that may cause harm to individual or harm to property
 3. Suspicious or undesirable behavior call
 4. If possible, gather license plate number and location
 - iv. **Non-emergency behavior or incident - 552-6300**
 1. May need officer follow-up
 2. **Doesn't need immediate response**
 3. Animal control
 4. Dogs off leash call animal control
 - v. **Parks and Recreation - 552-6277**
 1. Garbage and litter
 2. Vegetation problems

3. Trail and safety issues

4. *once you call and want status, you may call back for update

vi.Routine Maintenance is conducted twice a week, which includes routine maintenance, refilling mitt stations, trash pickup, litter and dog waste on trail, minor weed control

vii.River Road Signage

1. Currently the policy is to remove any sign that is not posted by Missoula Parks and Recreation. Fall of 2011, River Road Leadership team placed signs along the trail, and all were removed by Parks and Recreation.
2. It was recommended by Dave that the River Road Leadership team bring **conversation to Donna and the Parks and Recreation board. Dave said he will help move this process along, so that a procedure can be established to allow for River Road signage.**

viii.Police Response on Trail

1. **Discussion about trail safety, and the need for a night presence.** Chance discussed concerns from the citizens on Justus Lane, including people placing garbage in mail boxes, people dropping garbage into personal garbage, multiple vehicle break ins, and items stolen from porches on **multiple occasions. Increased police coverage during the day is necessary, but the issues are occurring at night time, which demands a night presence.**
2. In summer, school officers are shifted to Bike officers, and will be on the **trail system throughout summer. This includes the interns that drive the police ATV.**
3. Discussion about additional Police Officers to help monitor the trails **systems and parks in Missoula, but according to City Council members that represent River Road area, there is not enough money to budget for such.**

ix.Snow Plowing

1. **Concerns from past winter that snow plow weren't entirely effective in creating safe trail usage.**

4. Public comment on non-agenda items

5. Announcements

6. Duties assigned:

- a. **Action Item: Chance will submit approved minutes to the River Road Neighborhood website and send them to Jane Kelly from Office of Neighborhoods**
- b. **Action Item: Chance will call Rob Shevin (Police Prevention Officer) at 552-6335 to visit about night shifts**

Submitted by: Michelle Williamson