

Minutes

## Riverfront Neighborhood Council General Meeting

Weds. Nov. 14, 2012, 5:00-6:30 at Currents' Headwater Room

**Elections for Leadership Team:** Doug Hawes-Davis and Caleb Kasper were unanimously elected.

**Hip Strip:** Geoff Badenoch, who is consulting for Hip Strip commercial property owners, reported that the next step in his group's planning is a parking study. Many issues related to parking—the effect of Hellgate High School, the amount and management of Hip Strip neighborhood parking resources, etc.—need to be quantified. Any development or redevelopment will need to address parking, he observed. The owners in his group are thinking outside the box of local zoning requirements to consider options such as Car Sharing to address new parking demand caused by redevelopment.

**Stadium Use feedback:** The group asked for feedback on impact of the Civic Stadium use this summer with changes to the Use Agreement. Dale commented that there was only one Extraordinary Event this summer. Lane said that he appreciated them as neighbors. No other comments were volunteered.

**Vacant City Lots in California Street Area:** Three vacant city lots between First Street and Wyoming were donated to Missoula Housing Authority for future development. On two of the parcels MHA plans to build one-story duplexes as early as this spring. A house that was removed from a site and is currently resting on the old Intermountain site may be moved to one of the lots. On a lot near the Second Street Garden, the COT will partner with Building Futures program to build a single family house or duplex as early as next spring. There is a lot near the trail and California Street that is still under negotiations for development. Missoula Housing Authority can be contacted for more information.

**Transportation: Fifth and Sixth Street Proposal:** Ann Cundy from Planning and Grants presented us with the result of the travel demand modeling for Fifth and Sixth street single driving lane proposal in the form of a map. The proposal and others had been presented at previous RFNC meetings as residents adjacent to these streets complained of many accidents and concerns with speed and safety on the two lane, one way streets. The model predicts how traffic will behave, including what routes it will take and what volumes will be on adjacent and nearby streets in the neighborhood today and in 2040. One of the maps showed volume difference, another showed crashes between 2007-2009. Ann explained that the map was not ready for public distribution because it just came out the previous day and it needed explanation, but she is happy to meet with residents to discuss further. To get more information on this contact: [acundy@co.missoula.mt.us](mailto:acundy@co.missoula.mt.us) or [acundy@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:acundy@ci.missoula.mt.us) starting January 1, 2013. The next public Long Range Transportation meeting to share the highlights of the 2012 Long Range Transportation Plan will be Monday, January 14th. The plan is scheduled for a public hearing and adoption by the Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee on Tuesday, January 15th, 2013. 1:30 PM in City Council Chambers

**Mill Site Developments:** Ellen Buchanen, from Missoula Redevelopment Association, MRA, described developments in the Mill Site area: Bids will go out soon for Wyoming Street that will

connect Russell to Orange street. Construction could start Spring of 2013. MRA is building the road that will be paid for by tax increment funds from the development. The railroad trestle will be rebuilt also. There is a prediction that once the connecting road is in, there could be 3500 car trips per day as people cut from Russell to Orange. Some of the original plat designs for the streets to the south of Wyoming may be changed to a series of alleys and parking lots but this is still being negotiated by the developer. The trail to connect the Milwaukee trail to the River Trail by Silver Park is coming up for bid soon. This may be presented at our next meeting.

**The bike lane on California** will be adjacent to the driving lane and not separated with the pedestrian walk way.

**Lights** have been installed along the Milwaukee pedestrian trail. There has been a lot of vandalism along the river trail along Silver Park.

**Amendment to the By Laws:** It was proposed to change the notification for a meeting in which an election of Leadership Team is made from 30 days to two weeks. The group voted in favor of the proposal.

**Public Comment on NonAgenda Items:** No comments.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30.