

River Road Neighborhood Council Leadership Team

October Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2012 7:00 a.m.

VEMCO: 201 N. Russell, Missoula, 59801

Leadership Team attendees:

Jeremy Flesch, Chairperson • Dax Kuehn, Vice Chairperson • Andrea Kuehn, Special Projects • Jesse Neidigh, Community Forum Rep. • Melissa Steinike, Treasurer • Katie Ghen Simpson, Communications • Michelle Williamson, Secretary

Other attendees:

- Jane Kelly, City Representative

1. Items discussed
 - a. Secretary's Report - Michelle
 - b. Treasurer's Report - Melissa
 - i. No changes
 1. General: \$476.06
 2. Mailing: \$641.14
 - c. Sandwich Board update
 - i. Just picked up, dates were not included. Logo is not on both sides. Will use paper for dates and put up this weekend. May order logo to add at a later date.
 - d. Community Forum Report - Jesse
 1. Lolo to Missoula trail
 1. Open House being held Tuesday, October 2, 7:00 pm Meadow Hill Middle School
 2. Feasibility Study
 1. Options
 1. Either side of highway
 2. Off of highway "Lower Miller Creek" option from Lolo to Walmart
 2. Title 20 - Zoning Ordinance
 1. Informed of recent maintenance : changed a few minor things to ensure consistency
 3. Outreach plan for Additional Dwelling Units
 1. Mailing planned to 14,000 single family homes with info on survey to learn perceptions and desires about ADU's
 2. Plans to post info on Missoulian, etc. to share survey website
 1. Intention is to get info upfront (via survey) and then decided whether to move forward with zoning change proposal
 3. 90% of respondents to a small survey given to South 39th Street neighborhood were against building ADU's
 4. Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year
 1. Jim Hausauer, awarded posthumously
 5. Long Range Transportation Plan in the work
 6. Jane is trying to put together a committee to create plan for the Office of Neighborhoods
 7. Story and Stones, October 28
 8. City Council Zoning Ordinance update RE: required mailings or not for changes
 1. City has options and will be able to decide on case-by-case basis

2. Unlike a contractor/homeowner, who has to update everyone in a 150 yard area
3. Community Forum had previously recommended city use same requirements as contractors/homeowners
4. City Councilperson John Wilkins would like to attend October 10 **Neighborhood Council meeting to discuss ADU's and the ordinance changes**
9. Cell Phone Ordinance
 1. To be discussed at City Council, October 23
10. Decision on sidewalks
 1. The city pays the first \$1,000; The city and property owner split 50-50 any additional expense up to \$7,000; and the city pays the remainder up to \$15,000.
 2. If you've already put in sidewalks, they will not cover retroactively
 3. If you haven't paid for 2012 sidewalks as of yet, this will apply
 4. [Missoulian article](#).

1. **Boulevard Trees**
 1. Questions about maintenance & replacement rules as city puts in boulevard trees
 2. Contractors are required by city to warrantee plants for two years
 3. CONCERN
 1. If after two years, folks are not taking ownership of their flora what are repercussions?
 2. Ooze Tubes: concern about longevity of tool
 3. **Question: What happens when a tree dies in front of someone's house? Resident's responsibility**
 1. Have urban forester come to Leadership Team meeting?
2. **Upcoming Neighborhood Meeting:**
 1. Need someone to purchase food and soft drinks with neighborhood funds
 1. Six or seven pizzas, water, juice, fruit/veggie trays, boxes of cookies, plates, napkins, cutlery. **Action Item:** Katie will pick up.
 2. **Meeting Topics**
 1. Introductions
 1. How did you hear about meeting/where do you live, opportunity to meet and learn
 2. Leadership Team Elections
 1. If one person for position: voice vote
 2. If more than one: paper vote
 3. **Action Item:** Jeremy will bring paper and pen
 3. **3rd Street Construction**
 1. Kevin Slovarp, City Engineer will not be able attending, Doug Harby, Construction Projects Manager may attend.
 2. Taylor from Franklin to the Fort will attend
 3. Jeremy looked at the plan, supports as is. Concerned about changes, esp. boulevards or a single turn lane, length of plan,
 4. Hold vote during October 10 meeting to have decisive opinion to share
 5. **Action Item:** Katie will make a few copies of plan - will attempt to get updated plan first and ask about which components are not negotiable
 6. **Action Item:** Katie will work with Leadership team to create opinion sheet: name, address, preferences with ~5 choices and additional comments.
 1. Ex. Check this box if you are in favor of boulevards/sidewalks UNDERSTANDING that if you have you may be liable to pay and/or upkeep this CONS: Water, tree upkeep PROS: safety, disability access, snow plowing

7. Possible Coal Trains coming through Missoula - Jeremy
8. Lafray Park Lighting - Dax
 1. Quick update
9. Crime in the Neighborhood
 1. We know this happening. There will be an April meeting to address it specifically with Rob Scheben, Crime Prevention Officer discussing an action plan
 2. Until then, please call in all disturbances.
10. Accessory Dwelling Units - OPG - Jess
 1. John Wilkins could be short, concerned about time for OPG
 2. Our neighbors need to understand that our neighborhood **WOULD** be affected
11. **Action Item:** Jeremy will create agenda with time ranges for each topic.
3. Poop bag dispenser missing from Johnson side of Lafray Park. **Action Item:** Jeremy will look into it.

2. Any decisions by consensus/vote

- a. Jesse Moved to Approved September Minutes
 - i. All in favor: Jeremy Flesch, Dax Kuehn, Andrea Kuehn, Jesse Neidigh, Melissa Steinike, Katie Ghen Simpson, Michelle Williamson
 - ii. All against: none
 - iii. Motion carries
- b. **Jesse motions allocation of up to \$130 for food and accouterments**
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 - ii. **Those in favor:** Jeremy Flesch, Dax Kuehn, Andrea Kuehn, Jesse Neidigh, Melissa Steinike, Katie Ghen Simpson, Michelle Williamson
 - iii. All those against: none
 - iv. Motion Carries

3. Presentation—title and presenter

4. Public comment on non-agenda items

5. Announcements

6. Duties assigned:

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