

University District Neighborhood Leadership Team Meeting
7:00 P.M. May 29, 2013
UM Lewis and Clark Village Center Community Center

Attending: Jerry Ballas, Dave Chrismon, Lee Clemmensen, Joel Fleischer and Tom Roy Leadership Team Members. Katherine Brady, ASUM

Welcome-Call to Order: Dave Chrismon, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Public Comment: Dave read Bill Miller's letter of resignation from the Leadership Team

Report from Community Forum: No report. Not a quorum at last meeting

Report from Office of Neighborhoods: No report.

Recap of Last General Meeting: Motion made by Dave, seconded by Tom that minutes of meeting of Leadership Team would be considered for approval at following Leadership Team meeting. Minutes of General Meetings would be posted on the website and approved at the next General Meeting. Motion passed.

Planning for Office of Neighborhoods Bus Tour: No report

UM Neighborhood Ambassadors Update: Katherine Brady of ASUM reported that ASUM is: preparing a map of home ownership in the neighborhood, developing an on-line system so student tenants can "rate" their landlords. Discussion about liability issues in maintaining such a listing. Interested in working with neighborhood and city on signs that emphasize "respect our neighborhood." Discussion about role of ambassadors, how often they contact residents (supposed to contact residents twice a week).

Proposal on Signal Boxes: Discussed proposal from Jeff Stevens of Public Arts Committee for University Neighborhood to seek grant support to paint traffic signal boxes. Consensus that if we submit grant we would ask to have signal boxes at South and Higgins and Beckwith and Arthur painted. Question arose whether might be other funding needs in neighborhood that would be higher priority. Any grant proposal must be approved at a General Meeting of the neighborhood and, since our next such meeting will not be until the fall, Leadership Team members were asked to come our next Team meeting with any other ideas for grant funding that we would discuss and then select one proposal idea for approval at the fall General Meeting.

ASUM/Mountain Line Buses issues: Discussion about presentations of ASUM Transportation and Mountain Line at our last General Meeting. Consensus that neighborhood would like to see coordination of the services of the two systems. Further consensus that neighborhood would like to have opportunity to participate in discussions with ASUM when it is making decisions about routing and scheduling that impact the neighborhood. Jerry volunteered to see what opportunities there might be to gain neighborhood participation with ASUM Transportation. (Note: I was wrong, Jerry was correct about local/state responsibility for Arthur Avenue. While it does not change the issues about traffic and buses on Arthur, I apologize for misspeaking.)

Goals and Purposes of Neighborhood Council. Dave initiated discussion by referencing the documents that Jane had provided. He emphasized that the Neighborhood Council can take positions on issues only

if they have been presented at a General Meeting and submitted to a vote. There were expressions of frustration that City Council members, especially those representing our neighborhood, had ignored our opposition to ADU's and voted in the affirmative. Jerry pointed out that ours was a representative form of government and council members were not beholden to the advice or votes of neighborhood councils.

Appeared to be recognition that our role as a neighborhood council is less to be a policy advisory board or vehicle for political viewpoints and more that of a neighborhood improvement group. Members were asked to come to next Leadership Team meeting with ideas for neighborhood goals.

Environmental Impact Statements: Tom Roy who had requested that this be on agenda asked that it be withdrawn.

Inviting UM representatives to Council Meetings: As an initial step we shall ask the leadership of ASUM to meet with the Leadership Team over food/beverage to socialize and have discussion about how we might work cooperatively on neighborhood concerns.

Next General Meeting: To be held fall, 2013

Next Leadership Team Meeting: Katherine Brady will let us know when ASUM leadership would be available for summer social/meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by joyous acclamation at 8:50P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Roy, acting secretary