

Minutes

Children's Planting Party

Thursday, July 18, 2013; 7:00—8:00 pm

Location: Northeast corner of First and Walnut

Attendance:

Gwen Hoppe, Melanie, Dale, Ragna, Sandy, and eight children.

1. Public comment on non-agenda items: There were no public comments.
2. Announcements: It was announced that Sandy would adopt the Pollinator Garden and Nature Scape on First and Walnut by weeding and monitoring it during the summer.
3. A garden strip along First Street and Walnut was prepared so that neighborhood children could plant Montana native flowering plant to provide habitat for pollinators such as butterflies, bees, birds, and other insects. Gwen described how the Walnut Street Nature scape was funded by Neighborhood Grants, Missoula Redevelopment Agency, assistance from the neighbors, and Pro-Build, which pays for water. A sign wood burned by Willard Alternative High School students was wired up to the fence to describe the project to the public and to credit the funders. After a demonstration, the attendees chose Montana flowers provided or brought them from their own gardens and planted them along the prepared garden area. One boy went home to get a wildflower book to help identify a species. A girl found a prop stick to keep a bent plan upright. One boy offered to water plants with the hose during the summer. Short plants were planted near the corner to not obstruct any driver's view at the corner. After the plants were watered and the site cleaned up the children were given popsicles and posed for a photograph.