

Northside/Westside Neighborhood Leadership Team & Training Meeting Minutes

Date: March 24, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Training for Leadership Team Members

7:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Leadership Team Meeting

Location: Jack Reidy Conference Room, 140 W. Pine St.

Attendance

Heidi West

Christian Russell

Leslie Gallant

Jane Kelly, Office of Neighborhoods

Anita Green, City Council Candidate

Bryan Von Lossberg, Missoula City Council

AJ Russell, Missoula Osprey

Amber Sienknecht, Northside Resident

1. **Leadership Team Training:** Jane Kelly instructed and taught the leadership team about the history of Neighborhood Councils, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
2. **Missoula Osprey, Our Neighborhood Night:** AJ Russell gave a summary of the Missoula Osprey plans for the Neighborhood Council Community Night at the Ball Park, August 18th, 2015. Offering group discounted tickets for groups of 10 or more tickets are \$8 each, option of doing a pre-game BBQ, games to participate in, Neighborhood Council tabling, looking for ways neighborhood councils can participate, and what they can do to make the event better.
3. **Mountain Water Issue:** Bryan von Lossberg gave a presentation on the water rights trial, City has experts that have valued the water system at 50 million dollars, and Carlyle purchased three water systems including Missoula for \$100 + million in 2011 and now are looking to buy the same three systems for \$300 million. There is a problem with citizens being exploited and citizens want to see more investment in system infrastructure and ongoing maintenance. Letter to the Editor in support of a City owned water system are still helpful and relevant to the judge.
4. **Strategic Planning:** The Leadership Team wants to start short-term plans & project for 2015 and more of a direction for the neighborhood as a whole.
 1. Make a plan for getting the trail lit from Grand to Waverly
 - Will start looking into finding an engineer or architect, contact Bob Oaks/NMCDC (North Missoula Community Development Corporation), to look into potential CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding.
 2. Get involved in the Northside Park remodel/upgrade
 - Leslie will review previous park surveys and contact Donna at Missoula Parks.
 3. Lowell school playground fixing day: Set for June 6th
 4. Heidi will apply for a small grant for t-shirts for the Lowell School fun run, have to have it in by the last Thursday of the month.
 5. Heidi motions to write a grant for up to \$500 for Lowell School Fun Run. Christian seconds. All in favor.

5. Community Forum Report – Heidi West

1. Approved three small grant- Lowell garden, piano project, art night at Free Cycles River Front Neighborhood
2. The Community Forum is asking for an increase in the budget for grants to bring us up to the rate of inflation.

6. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Jane Kelly

1. Bus tour April 16th
2. Deciding on outstanding neighborhood volunteer (individual and group)

7. New Business

1. Heidi- should we have Gabe Sather-Olsen writing pavilion in the garden come talk to the neighborhood council for the school garden pavilion?

8. Public comment on non-agenda items

1. Amber Sienknecht-spoke about the cat trapping incident, is this someone with malicious intent, an accident or is this someone with mental health problems?
 - Christian-heard that someone was arrested for shooting at cats and might or might not have been the person who set the trap.
 - Not sure if this is someone in the area
 - Amber explained that the Humane Society has low income vouchers to spay and neuter cats and dogs for people who couldn't otherwise pay for the services.
 - Leslie likes the idea a neighborhood fundraiser or some kind of event
2. Anita Green running for city council- recently graduated from the UM with a degree in sociology
 - If you have questions you can email Anita email anitagreenmt@gmail.com

9. Announcements:

Next Leadership Team Meeting: Tues April 28, 2015 at Burns Street Bistro.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Ann Quirk