

Northside/Westside Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: April 28, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: The Burns Event Center

1500 Burns St.

Missoula, MT 59802

Leadership Team Members Present: Heidi West, Christian Russell, Leslie Gallant, Kali Becher, Ann Quirk

Others Present, Corena Maurer, Office of Neighborhoods, Bob Oaks, North Missoula Community Development Corporation (NMCDC), Richard Massey, Silverfern Inc.

1. New Project at Milton and Howell Street – Richard Massey, Silverfern Inc.
 - - Building a café/garden/community center on the Northside at the West end of Howell St on the Northside called, “The Local”.
 - Mom & Pop type store that will adapt depending on what the neighborhood wants and needs. Might eventually have a small convenience and hardware store component, in addition to the café component.
 - Building on 2 legal lots (one will be the for the café and the other will remain green space)
 - Currently working with City on parking
 - City requires 1 parking spot/4 seats in the restaurant. Eventually they'd like to have 80 seats in the restaurant so they'll plan the parking based on that. $80/4= 20$ parking spots total
 - Believe that a lot of the traffic will be from the bike trail and then some car traffic
 - Hoping to start building the café next year. Café will do breakfast and lunch to start with maybe a few guest chefs doing an occasional dinner.
 - Bob Oaks-NMCDC did a neighborhood survey last year and the number one thing Northsiders wanted in the neighborhood was a small grocery store and café
 - Plan is to try to fund the majority of the project themselves to have minimal loans and repayments because they know the first couple years will be hard.

- They have a website to field questions and help people stay informed on the next steps of the project
- Would like traffic calming and other suggestions for that area from NS/WS Leadership Team.
- Kali: Intersection at Milton & Howell people have talked about wanting something to help slow traffic down.
- This is an opportunity for the leadership team to work together on designs and plans to solve the current and potential future traffic problems.
- Would suggest having a one way going west down the alleyway south of Howell by the warehouse to help with potential traffic.
- Want to incorporate the bike path into their design as well, have a pullout/bike drive though for people coming off the bike path.

2. Whittier School Update-

- Heidi Kindell said it's not on the Smartschools 2020 plan so at this point it seems like it will stay the same. As far as we know, the Head Start School will stay there for the time being.
- Bob Oaks: Key issue is that when the building needs a new boiler or roof, Head Start doesn't have the budget to pay rent based on those kinds of expenses
- NMCDC would be willing to help write grants to preserve the building.

3. Long Term Plan for Northside Trail Lights –

Where do you even start with this to design something where you have lights that don't affect the neighbors, etc.?

- Bob: Start by talking to Donna Gaukler at the Parks Dept.
- Bob will do the initial outreach. Corena and the Neighborhoods Office can help too.
- Bob will look up the funders of the original trail installation
- Would be worth talking to the Washington Foundation about potentially helping to fund this.
- Parks would be naturally reluctant because of the maintenance cost
- Kali-would be nice to have a low cost, low maintenance solution
- Heidi-it's a lot scarier walking on the trail than biking
- Light pollution studies have shown that crime rates aren't any higher in any cities with less lights.
- Bob suggested getting solar lights and securely attaching them to fences
- Leslie suggests researching a longer-term solution.

4. Planning for General Meeting at Lowell School on 5/26/2015-

- Corena will send out template
- Agenda for General Meeting (May 26th)
- 6pm
- Goal: want neighborhood to understand the Smart Schools 2020 Bond Issue

Smart Schools 2020 bond presentation- Brian Bessette will present on bond

Tour & snacks - Brian (Lowell Principal)

Walkthrough

City Council Q&A (Brian von Lossberg, Jordan Hess, Jason Wiener, Adam Hertz)

Elections

Public Comment

- Send postcards out by May 7th
- Leslie will create the postcard
- Food (veggie trays, cheese, crackers, cookies, coffee, & lemonade)
- Leslie and Heidi will buy food at Costco
- Christian will be moderator
- Heidi will ask City Council members to participate in Q&A

5. Planning for Block Party in July-

- Kali motions that we spend up to \$100 to buy a table and to participate in the Northside neighborhood Block Party in July 2015, Heidi seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
- Leslie will talk to Josh Quick about designing banner and look into prices with Sign Pro

6. Order Banner for Tabling – Not discussed

7. Strategic Planning for the Year continued.... – Not discussed

8. Community Forum Report – Heidi West –

- Presentation on MT Violent offenders and monitoring in your neighborhood
- Google MT Violent offender website and make sure your house isn't being used as a fake address for someone.
- Zoning presentation about interactive map of Missoula so when anyone applies for a permit you can look it up
- Home Resource presentation
- National Wildlife Federation presentation-Missoula Community Wildlife Habitat Initiative-great grant opportunity

- T-shirt grant approved for the Lowell School Run
- City Council approved CDBG grants and Northside Park. Parks had already allocated \$40k but the park wasn't recommended for the CDBG matching grant for an additional \$40k

9. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Corena Maurer –

- Corena recommends that you sign up for the National Violent Offenders List
- Tabling event on Sunday at ASUM Block Party
- May 12 having traffic circle training for anyone who is interested in adopting a traffic circle, soil prep & pruning training, food, etc. Garden for Wildlife will be participating and the event will be at Bonner Park

10. New Business –

- Heidi-Lowell park needs bike racks
- Christian-will contact Ben Weiss about this

11. Public comment on non-agenda items –

Bob: Moon Randolph Homestead-public hearing at city council Monday night. Right now all money for Homestead is raised by NMCDC and user fees. Asking for \$8k to be added as a line item in the City budget for the Homestead, mainly for matching money for grants.

Leslie: not enough sidewalks near the Northside Park

Need sidewalks on Rogers Street by the cemetery and more on the NS in general

12. Announcements – None

At 7:47 pm Kali motioned to adjourn and Christian seconded. The meeting was unanimously adjourned.

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What is important to the Northside/Westside Neighbors?

1. Working with Poverello – 16 Votes
2. Bike Ped Access – 14 Votes
3. Boulevard Trees – 14 Votes
4. Russell Street – 14 Votes
5. Safe Routes to school – 13 Votes
6. Bike Path lighting – 11 Votes
7. Municipal Ownership of Water System – 11 Votes
8. Neighborhood Greenways – 8 Votes
9. Bridges – 5 Votes
10. Pocket Park Clean up at East End of Turner St. – 5 Votes