

Northside/Westside Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes

Date: May 26, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Lowell Elementary

1200 Sherwood

Missoula, MT 59802

Leadership Team Members Present: Heidi West, Christian Russell, Leslie Gallant, Terri Roberts

Others Present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, Principal Bessette of Lowell School, Jordan Hess, City Council, Jason Weiner, City Council

There were approximately 20 people in attendance.

1. Tours of Lowell School – all present took the tour.
2. Smart Schools 2020 – Principal Bessette –

What is it? – A district wide bond in November to upgrade all facilities (get his power point)

Focus is on upgrade Security

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Needs for Lowell:

Lowell school was built in 1909 and not ADA compliant

Building is failing

School rooms are too small

Recommendation:

Recommendation is the retrofit with renovation

Renovate vs replacement \$10741336 vs \$11395797 (includes deconstruction with replacement)

Trustees agreed to elementary 88000000 which would be 15/mo,

Total of \$21/mo with high school bond

go to MCPS web site for school breakdown and timeframe

If passes design phase in 2016, construction in following year

3. A Snack Break was held.
4. Q&A With Principal Bessette - Q - Has there been more security with Poverello in neighborhood ?

A - Homeless Outreach Team – for communications more than safety; monthly meetings at school with reps of Poverello; police perform an extra sweep around school; immediate neighborhood has had good experience with Poverello outreach team; phone number for HOT 406.493.7955

Q - Jordan Hess asked about Island Park Activity?

A – Discussion related to more traffic in the area generally and to call HOT if there are issues.

Q - Concern about a Westside resident – what do we do for someone that has special needs?

A - Call HOT.

5. Q&A With City Council Members –

Verdict on city ownership of water system will be soon |

-Northside Park has new structure

-City Council is currently discussing budget issues

Questions:

Q – Why is the picnic shelter so small for Northside (N/S) park and designed poorly and is it complete?

A – Yes. There has been conflicting information.

Q – Will there be turtles in N/S park? \$40,000 allocated to this park. Hopefully there will be a public input period.

A - Jane points out the weekly city digest for all information related to neighborhoods

Q – What will happen with Orange Street roundabout?

A - It will help with speed getting onto freeway heading west and exiting off.

Roundabout will create a connection from N/S to open space. Exit 105 roundabout has been pushed back two years.

Q – Why is the warehouse across from Draughtworks being remodeled?

A - Retail ground floor and high-end rentals on top floor

Jordan Hess - incomplete trail system by Missoula Fresh Market will be complete
Jason Wiener - Russell St plans meeting at BSB event center. Progressed north end of bridge to Dakota St. including trail crossings.

- Alder St west of Orange is in bad shape. City program will take care of mandated repairs and will improve crossing at Alder St and Orange. There will be time for community input on design.

-Improvements on how the city addresses sexual assault.

6. National Wildlife Federation – Jane Kelly – The NWF would like city of Missoula to encourage urban wildlife. For example leave water for pollinators, water conservation, organic practices and Bird houses. Cost is \$20 to register your home. Traffic Circles can be certified. See NWF handout.

7. Leadership Team Elections –

Chris Jackson was nominated
Andi Hoelzel was nominated
Terri Roberts motions to accept the new Leadership Team members; Jack 2nds;
the motion passed unanimously.

8. New Business –
 - Easement for trail lighting on N/S along tracks; Jason mentioned to ask parks and rec.
 - Playground maintenance NS/WS softball teams will be helping on June 6.
 - Booth at ZACC block party in July
9. Public comment on non-agenda items - None
10. Announcements - Jordan Hess - Scott St and N Reserve – MRA has initiated master planning process for improvements and will be a high level planning process. North and West side residents will benefit. Public meetings will be held.

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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