

Riverfront Neighborhood Council Leadership Team

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday October 13, 2015

Time: 5:30- 7:00 pm

**Location: Bernice's Bakery
190 S. 3rd St. W
Missoula, MT 59802**

Leadership Team Members in attendance: Mary LaPorte, Caleb Kasper, Ed Nolder

Others Present: Chris Behan, MRA, Corena Maurer, Neighborhood Assistant, Gwen Hoppe, Reagyn Germer, Bob Giordano, MIST

- I. California Street Improvements: Chris Behan, Missoula Redevelopment Agency**
Chris gave a short history of the issue. The current city plan is that MRA will fund the California improvements, but the money needed is not currently available. Chris advises raising awareness to the issue and encouraging prioritizing the work. Mary talks about adding the issue to the general meeting agenda. Bob G talks about getting California in a better location on the LRTP.
- II. Osprey Fireworks Issue**
Mary gives a quick history. The general concern is over increasingly numerous displays. Additional concerns voiced such as affect on seniors, animals, and folks with ptsd. Gwen talks about folks, displays, and standards outside of our neighborhood.
- III. Update 5th/6th Street Study: Caleb**
There is a draft RFP from the Bike and Pedestrian Office that has been reviewed and will be released shortly. This will be an agenda item during the general meeting.
- IV. MIST Transportation Plans – Bob Giordano**
Bike walk bus week was a success. Current focus for MIST within our neighborhood is Orange Street and the Hip Strip. Mary suggests a proposal to support this work. Talk about whether we ask the city to figure out alternatives to the current transportation situation or do we weigh in with our opinion of new designs. Bob suggests an expanded subcommittee looking at all transportation issues in the neighborhood. The group decides to bring this up at the general meeting.
- V. Free Cycles Neighborhood Grant Request**
Bob gives a brief history of the grant needs. The grant to supply 8 bike stands, 6 truing stands, and additional upgrades. There is a

matching grant as well to supply smaller tools. Mary offers up a motion to support the grant, Caleb seconds motion. Gwen gives enthusiastic support. Mary says that Freecycles is a community builder. Gen talks about the greening of Missoula and the integral part Freecycles plays. The RFLT quorum votes in favor and the motion passes.

VI. Next Riverfront Neighborhood General Meeting

Date: Oct. 26, 5:30 pm, Free Cycles

Preparation work. Ed will reach out to Jessica Morris to talk about the LRTP at the meeting. There will be some outreach to California ST residents to try and get them involved. Talk of bridge pizza vs other food options.

VII. Community Forum Report: Mary

There was a great presentation by Laval Means on the city's growth policy. Mary was interested at what a wide interest our neighborhood's focus on California Street garnered.

VIII. Office of Neighborhoods Report: Corena

Candidate's forums are complete. They are available to view on MCAT. The schedule is available through the office of neighborhoods. Large grants are due the 27th of October.

IX. Announcements

October 25th Stories and Stones! A new neighbor, Reagyn, talked about graffiti concerns on the Bitterroot Branch Trail, the traffic circle at 4th and Prince, and the dark skies ordinance. Corena promised to look into all 3 concerns.

X. New Business

No new business was discussed

XI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Bob Giordono brought up the exciting possibility of MIST buying the Freecycles site. The idea of Freecycle/MIST expanded influence in the neighborhood was met with great enthusiasm from those gathered.

All agreed the meeting was efficient, succinct and enjoyable.

Submitted by: Caleb Kasper

