

River Road Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: October 21, 2015

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: The Salvation Army
355 S. Russell Street
Missoula, MT 59802

Leadership Team Members Present: Melissa Neidigh, Kim Walterskirchen, Patrick Guinard, Nick Shontz

Others Present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, Ellie Costello MUD Director, Bill Pfeiffer, Mountain Line

1. Construction Update and Future Plans - Ellie Costello, Missoula Urban Demonstration Project (MUD) Director
Did not have a permit to put roof on so they have a stop work order at this time. Ellie Costello is new MUD Director. Strategic planning is underway to add to the site. Membership has grown more than 3 times since it was on the Northside. Close proximity to Home Resource has been very beneficial. MUD will also be collaborating with Home Resource when expanding and growing the organizations.
2. Neighborhood Project Grant – Ellie Costello, Missoula Urban Demonstration Project (MUD) Director
Applying for a large grant for \$3000 to establish a bike haul project. That way if you take the bus over or walk over and find a great find or the tool you really need that you can put it in a bike trailer and bike away with it. The trailers are especially designed to haul that kind of thing. They will also be working with Free Cycles to maintain and assemble the bikes. They also want to add a bike maintenance stop that would be available at all times. Specifically buying three bike trailers of various sizes, maintenance station (which is being locally-made with recycled materials). Project has lots of volunteer hours behind it as well as internships. Currently there is no other funding source. MUD members would be able to use the bikes and trailers, but the maintenance station would be open to everyone.
Nick Shontz makes a motion to support the neighborhood grant request from MUD and Patrick Guinard seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Mountain Line Bus Master Plan - Bill Pfeiffer, Community Outreach Coordinator

New Community Outreach Coordinator. The Master Plan was recently approved. This process helped to determine the frequency of the bus stops, where they should be, what amenities should be at the stops, etc. The density in this neighborhood is increasing and Route 2 is the route that primarily services our neighborhood. New bus stops near Good Food Store and down Third Street are considered a Tier 1 stop. Those ideally have shelter, seating, signage, etc. Tier 2 stops should have seating. Uniform signage at the stops is one of the first priorities. Plan has no funding behind it, but the signage would be the top priority. Other amenities that have been mentioned include trash cans at bus stops, they are trying to work with local businesses to partner with them on the upkeep of the trash receptacle. Second priority is to upgrade the Tier 1 bus stops. The last priority would be to upgrade other bus stops. Neighborhood Council can continue to provide feedback to Mountain Line, quantify need for more stops or extended service, and help them find funding. Already given more rides in 2015 so far than all of 2014. January and August are the only months where ridership did not hit 100,000. Fun fact: it costs about \$20 a mile to run a bus.

4. Review of Candidate's Forum – Logistics and Notes for Future Events
The leadership team determined the forum was a success, especially the red fishes. The setup and location at the Salvation Army worked well for the forum.
5. Planning for Winter Meeting
Location will be the Salvation Army, in the larger room. Kim will check with Josh for a date in February. We will plan the agenda at a future meeting.
6. Additional Trail Lighting Options (Maybe Solar) – Other than the Quote from Parks and Recs
Jane touched base with Nancy Rittel, a grant writer for the city. The process would be her working with the neighborhood leadership team and various departments from the city and then she would write a grant for additional lighting for the neighborhood. Jane will try to schedule this for our next meeting.
7. Community Forum Update – Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator
There were presentation on the schools bonds and the growth policy. Patrick Guinard is going tomorrow night.
8. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator
Nothing further to report.
9. New Business - None
10. Public comment on non-agenda items - None

11. Announcements – None

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What is important to the River Road Neighbors?

1. Trail Lighting – 12 Votes
2. Russell Street Progress – 8 Votes
3. Votes Recycling – 7 Votes
4. Local Services – 6 Votes
5. Street Lighting – 6 Votes
6. 3rd Street Progress – 6 Votes
7. Neighborhood Watch – 5 Votes
8. Status of Quarry/Park – 5 Votes
9. Neighborhood Story – 4 Votes
10. Sidewalks – 4 Votes
11. Through Street Connectivity – 4 Votes
12. Infill Development – 4 Votes
13. Connecting with City Council Members – 4 Votes