

Riverfront Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday December 14, 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, Jonathan Qualben,
Ed Nolder, Britt Arnesen**

**Others in Attendance: Emily Bentley, City Council, Bob Giordano, MIST,
Michael Dean, Extraordinary Events Committee, Jane Kelly, Neighborhood
Coordinator and Gwen Hoppe**

AGENDA

Welcome to Britt Arnesen!

- I. Introductions were made by all attendees. We welcomed Britt Arnesen to the meeting.
Approval given to go through agenda items according to those in attendance.**
- II. California Street Improvements**
As per email forwarded to Corena Maurer from Doug Harby, the final construction plans have not been completed for public review. The project has not been approved by the MRA and the redesign is on hold. **Bob Giordano made a motion to recommend the City fund and finish the transportation design for California Street. Jonathan Qualben seconds. Motion was unanimously approved.**
- III. Osprey Fireworks Issue: Gwen Hoppe Work Group, next steps**
Gwen Hoppe mentioned a possible meeting with the mayor to report the noise violations, and to make up a plan to limit the frequency of displays and to regulate the permit system better. Councilwoman Emily Bentley still approves sponsoring an ordinance concerning the fireworks displays in the future; she will be meeting with the Mayor soon.
- IV. Update 5th/6th Street Study: Caleb Kasper - was not in attendance to give an update. Other discussion: the results of the study should be used as advocacy within MDT and in the Long range Transportation**

Planning process now underway. Councilman Jordan Hess is representing the City with the MDT.

V. Transportation Issues: Bob Giordano presented the MIST designs and the next steps for the RFNC and had copies of possible designs using the 3-lane plan model. It would address all modes on Higgins to improve the safety of motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists. Also noted the traffic on Orange Street is not safe. Ideas on how to promote a safer, business friendly community on Orange Street were discussed.

www.acivatemissoula.com is recommended to learn more.

The following motion was made:

The Leadership Team of the Riverfront Neighborhood strongly desires a safer and more friendly Higgins and Orange Street corridors that will support the neighborhood residents, businesses, and all modes of transportation. To accomplish this we urge the City to follow up on its 2012 commitment to complete a Higgins Street traffic study, from Brooks Street to Broadway. We also urge the City to include Orange Street, from Broadway to Beckwith. We are in support of the transportation plan proposed by MIST.

The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Neighborhood Recycling proposal: Renee Muser (invited) - Neighborhood Recycling proposal to be discussed at the next meeting. Renee Muser was not in attendance to report.

VII. Community Forum Report: Mary LaPorte - Mary shared plans for the Stockman Bank Building, corner of Orange Street and Broadway. Election Judges are needed, especially for the 2016 Presidential elections. Training will be provided in February, 2016. Contact: Missoula County Elections Office.

VIII. Office of Neighborhoods Report: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator - No updated report at this time outside the Riverfront issues we are working on.

IX. Announcements - Next meeting was January 11th, but postponed until February 8th, 2016
Bernice's Bakery from 5:30-7:00
Next General Meeting will be in March.

X. New Business - A motion was made by Britt Arnesen for a resolution to be written concerning the lack of bicycle lane space and possible sidewalk safety concerns at the new Stockman's Bank being built at

Orange and Broadway Streets. Ed Nolder seconds. The motion was unanimously approved.

XL. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - Bob Giordano announced the possibility of the purchase of the property at 1st and Walnut by Free Cycles. 2 acres for the price of \$1.1 million. It would create a more vibrant, friendlier neighborhood. Influencing more business, community outreach and improve the Orange Street corridor.

**Respectfully submitted,
Ed Nolder, Riverfront Leadership Team Member**

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