



## **Rose Park Neighborhood Council – Leadership Team Meeting Minutes**

March 09, 2016 (Wednesday) – 4:30 pm  
Thomas Meagher (130 W Pine)

In Attendance: Julie Devlin (RPNC LT), Margaret Mallino (RPNC LT), Tate Jones (RPNC LT), Michael Painter (RPNC LT), Stephanie Kolb (Office of Neighborhoods), Helen Pent Jenkins (RPNC), Kate Gemar (RPNC), Bryce Rowe (RPNC).

Painter called the meeting to order & those in attendance introduced themselves.

At the request of Helen Pent Jenkins (RPNC resident), the Leadership Team suspended the agenda and opened new business to allow Helen to present a draft letter to MCPS regarding the remodel / rebuild of Willard Alternative High School.

**Willard Alternative High School Remodel / Rebuild** – Helen Pent Jenkins presented a letter she had drafted on behalf of RPNC LT formally requesting the neighborhood be allowed to appoint a representative to the Smart Schools 2020 Willard School Core Committee (or its closest continuer during the further design & development process for the project). Painter reported that he had recently e-mailed Willard School Principal Jane Bennett asking for an update on the planning & development process. Per MCPS' "Smart Schools 2020 Project Goals for 2016", the project does not have any formal goals for the current calendar year.

RPNC LT will set a time (either at an upcoming RPNC LT, general neighborhood meeting or a special meeting scheduled specifically for the project) to discuss Helen's letter in detail. That meeting will be noticed to the neighborhood & MCPS.

Helen also suggested that RPNC contact Riverfront Neighborhood Council (which abuts the school directly to the north) to see if they would like to be involved in that discussion and/or appoint a representative to participate in MCPS' development process as well. RPNC LT endorsed that idea & Painter forwarded contact information for Mary LaPorte (with Riverfront NC LT) to Helen.

## **RPNC Leadership Team Meeting – Jan.05.2016 - Minutes**

The minutes from the Rose Park LT Meeting of Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, were adopted.

**Slant Street Gateway Project** – Painter gave an update on the progress of the SSG Project. Painter met with Isabel Langlois at the Gateway on Sunday (Mar.7<sup>th</sup>) to discuss the project.

Per the recommendation of the City's Development Services Department, a Right-of-Way Encroachment permit had been submitted. Painter will be meeting with Development Services on Thursday (Mar.10<sup>th</sup>) to clarify any additional permitting or other requirements necessary for the project.

Isabel & Painter had both contacted Tim Skufca (who originally developed the concept for the Gateway & obtained Large Neighborhood Grants to help cover the costs of developing same) & Tim provided additional information regarding the project.

Home ReSource will be contacted regarding some beams on site to see if they can make use of same.

Painter contacted the neighbor responsible for the "Ghost Bike" attached to the stop sign on the NW corner of Mount Ave & Park Street, who indicated he was not interested in developing a plaque or sign for that memorial. Isabel has continued to work with her contacts (UM, NWF, Blue Sky Stewardship) on plans for upkeep & maintenance of the site.

**City of Missoula 2016 Public Works Projects (Infrastructure Plan)** – Leadership Team briefly discussed public works projects scheduled in Rose Park NC for 2016. (Gwen Jones had sent out a copy of the project list for this year & the list was also recently included in the Office of Neighborhoods' Weekly Digest.)

**RPNC Leadership Team – Membership & Meetings** – Bryce Rowe, UM student & current UM Neighborhood Ambassador who also lives in Rose Park NC was invited to attend this month’s LT meeting and consider joining the Leadership Team. Bryce was interested & was elected unanimously as Interim RPNC LT member (pending confirmation / re-election at the next general meeting).

RPNC LT again discussed a regular Leadership Team meeting venue – Parks & Rec charges (even non-profits, city affiliates) for their meeting room @ Currents & the meeting rooms in the City Council chambers (Jack Reidy / Hal Fraser Rooms) are oft times in use, especially during current agreed-upon meeting time. Julie Devlin had suggested use of the Missoula Public Library meeting room (they actually have 2 rooms available for public use) & Painter requested authorization to schedule our next LT meeting there. Further discussion regarding availability of LT members resulted in agreeing that the next regularly scheduled RPNC Leadership Team meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Missoula Public Library (301 E Main St). Painter will confirm the room availability & draft an agenda.

Julie Devlin also brought up her concern about the expense of mailing out notification for RPNC general meetings & would support other options. (Sandwich boards, other public postings, e-mail & website notices.) Planning for this year’s general meeting should probably start soon – Painter will add that item to April’s LT meeting agenda.

**Community Forum Report** – Julie Devlin reported on the January & February meetings of Community Forum. January presentations included:

- Don Verrue (Building Official with Development Services) introducing a new property information program (Buildingeye) available for public use in tracking permits, planning & building in the community;
- Tom Zavitz (Development Services) outlining the status of new rules for Townhouse Developments;

February’s meeting included:

- Becca Boslough (Home ReSource) presented on the recently-passed Zero Waste resolution and discussed programs intended to reduce Missoula’s solid waste;
- Lisa Beckiewicz (Missoula City-County Health Department) outlined the efforts of the *Let’s Move Missoula* program;
- Jesse Neidigh (River Road NC & Community Forum Leadership Team) presented the Community Forum Strategic Plan, which was adopted by Community Forum.

**Office Of Neighborhoods Report** – Stephanie Kolb reminded those in attendance of the upcoming Neighborhood Bus Tour (scheduled for Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>) and requested names of LT members interested. Stephanie also reported that this year’s Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year Award was in the process of being selected & should be announced at March’s Community Forum meeting.

**New Business – Traffic Calming** – Kate Gemar reported that there was still an ongoing problem with vehicles exceeding the speed limit in her immediate neighborhood (along Knowles). Kate has been making effort to track specific vehicles & times of speeding.

**Next Leadership Team Meeting – Wed., Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm - Missoula Public Library (301 E Main)**

The smaller (“Board Room”) meeting room was not available, but Painter reserved the larger meeting room for our use.

Minutes submitted by Painter 03/13/16.