

Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2016
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Rosauers
2350 S. Reserve St.
Missoula, MT 59801

Leadership Team Attendees: *Andrea Dahl, Brad May, Jake Riggs*
Others Present: *Jane Kelly, Office of Neighborhoods; Michelle Cares, Missoula City Council; Kate McMahon and Peter Walker-Keleher*

Without the presence of a quorum, the meeting was conducted as discussion-only.

- 1) Kate McMahon of Applied Communications, and Peter Walker-Keleher of DJ & A Engineers, Planners, Surveyors are consultants under contract with the Missoula Redevelopment Agency. They described their door-to-door community outreach concerning the Mary Avenue improvements. They have talked to 60 people so far and the primary concerns have been increased traffic and speeding. There is a general understanding that the project will happen. The design has not been done, and the community will have an opportunity to contribute. Some traffic speed reduction will occur very soon. The consultants would be interested in having an information table at the Neighborhood Council general meeting this summer.
- 2) A tentative date of Tuesday, July 26, 2016 was set for the general meeting at Franklin Park. Jane will make the reservation. Possible agenda items include: Mary Avenue, Russell Street construction project update, Franklin School construction update, Q&A with City Council members, Garfield Street traffic calming, and election for vacancies on the leadership team. The use of sandwich boards and postcard mailings was determined the best ways to publicize the meeting. The food was discussed and the delivery of cooked meats from a local restaurant was considered.
- 3) Nextdoor.com is a website where subscribed members can share information with other residents of the neighborhood. Topics can include crime & safety, lost and found, classified ads, recommendations of services, etc. At present, 32 residents of the neighborhood are subscribers, including at least three members of the leadership team. The original boundaries on the sign-up page did not conform accurately with the Franklin to the Fort boundaries, and Tim Streets worked with the site administrator to fix this. Jane Kelly noted that the City of Missoula has no interest in being involved in a proprietary program operated by a third party. She also mentioned that other communities have witnessed abuses that sometimes haunt social media. Therefore, this is an information item only, and team members can decide whether to participate strictly on an individual basis.

- 4) Andrea will attend the first traffic signal box committee meeting in the week of June 13th. Brad will be able to attend a later, artist interview meeting. Jane has grant forms, to be completed in the fall for future projects.
- 5) Trail lighting is being explored by the River Road neighborhood council. The F2F team may wish to follow these developments.
- 6) Demolition and site work of Franklin School will be underway by the time of the general meeting. Jane will contact the engineers and the school principal about a presentation at the general meeting.
- 7) The Neighborhood Council name change must be accomplished through a change in the by-laws. A revision of the by-laws is a future project.
- 8) Jake Riggs and Alison Petty have moved or will be moving out of the neighborhood, creating two vacancies on the leadership team. An election will be held during the general meeting.
- 9) Update on National Wildlife Federation certification at Franklin Park-tabled.
- 10) Neighborhood tree committee report-tabled.
- 11) Jane reported that the community forum representatives heard an update from Ben Weiss regarding Missoula's complete streets project, which seeks to make the streets fully accessible to pedestrians, bikes, cars, and buses. They also heard a report from James Grunke of the Missoula Economic Partnership, which seeks to create jobs and improve wages. Andrea volunteered to fill a pending vacancy representing F2F.
- 12) Jane has conducted training for traffic circle caretakers. There are 15 traffic circles currently available for adoption. Grants of \$150 are available for purchasing plants and pollinator plates for watering beneficial insects. Children can be involved. Corena Maurer returns to the office from leave on June 13. Any grant applications must be complete by October 22.
- 13) New business-none.
- 14) Public comment on non-agenda items-none.
- 15) Announcements-none.

Next meeting: To be determined, it may be necessary to have another session to plan for the general meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Minutes submitted by Brad May.

