

Riverfront Neighborhood Council Leadership Team

July 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Carla Abrams, Jonathan Qualben, Mary LaPorte, Jane Kelly

1. Approval of [June 12, 2017](#) meeting minutes deferred until next meeting

2. Safety & Transportation Issues:

- 5th/6th Streets : including timeline for Council
- Higgins Ave Study Request for 4-3 Conversion

We have no updates on 5th/6th. We will try to have Gwen Jones and Ben at the next meeting. Discussion regarding the Higgins Ave. study, which the RFNC endorsed at the May 8 General Meeting, comments can be made until July 24. Budget Committee on the Whole is now considering the budget. Mary will ask Gwen Jones to put this on the “tickler list” for the meeting on July 12.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is **Wednesday July 12, 10:10 am, City Council Chambers.**

We agreed to reach out to other LT members about going to the meeting, and representing RFNC, especially in terms of the motion we passed on May 8. Jonathan also noted the tie-in of this study with the Higgins Avenue Bridge reconstruction.

3. **Safety issues on California St.** (see attachment from Jane, July 5)
Tod Gass is the MRA staff person working on the RFP and design for California. The RFP has not been issued. We assume that the RFP will include all elements of a Complete Street design (sidewalks, bike lanes, etc.). Although funding is not yet secured, the Agency must have a preliminary design. We will invite Tod or Chris Behan to the next LT meeting

Carla reported that the City and Police Department have been very responsive to the issues of speeding and safety on California, as discussed at the last LT meeting. Tickets have been issued, and curbs have been painted. It has made a big difference. Good News!

4. Willard School Rebuild & Planning Process

Public Hearing July 26 location: TBD Jane will send out notice.

Comments were received until July 7

Neighbors have been engaged, especially on the parking space issue. Any Riverfront representatives will be welcome.

We discussed getting the word out. Any communication to entire neighborhood is issued through Jane. The Office of Neighborhoods has emails from Riverfront residents who have provided emails at tabling events, etc.

5. Planning for general meeting September 20

Food: BBQ: Famous Dave's, Dickies, Notorious P .I.G., or Fried Chicken from Orange Street FF, etc. . Sides and buns from Costco. Mary and Carla will work on the food.

Agenda: Possible Missoula Redevelopment Agency re: California, status of the TIFF and other issues about Saw Mill district.

Planning will be finalized at the next LT meeting.

6. June 22 Community Forum Report – Mary LaPorte

Great Presentations: YWCA, Food Bank

Jane: Training technique of Mind Mapping

Note: July 27 Community Forum the Mayor will speak for an hour: “Mini State of the City.” All are welcome to attend. – or watch it on MCAT.

7. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator

Stories and Stones: same day as Sunday Streets, Sept. 17

This is also Kick off to Bike/Roll/Walk week.

Volunteers for tabling are needed.

Jane is re-activating 2 neighborhoods: Heart of Missoula, Lewis & Clark .

8. New Business : none

9. Public comment on non-agenda items: none

10. Announcements – Next LT Meeting: August 14, 5:30 at Bernice's Bakery

Respectfully submitted,

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