

Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood Council

General Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2017

1. Welcome to those attending from board members
2. History of Neighborhood Councils presented by Jane Kelly
3. Franklin School and Willard School updates from Mark Thane, Superintendent of MCPS
 - a. Franklin School is in the finishing touches
 - b. Possible Open House on August 24th
 - c. Willard Alternative High School will break ground in August and be finished for Fall 2018
 - d. Q&A – Jefferson School will be used for early childhood with a focus on special needs.
4. Neighborhood Crime Prevention Officer - Officer Ethan Smith of MPD
 - a. Explained that new school is designed to better monitor kids in the school yard with less exposure from Johnson Ave.
 - b. Officer Smith is available when any help is needed, provided cards
5. Neighborhood Sidewalk Inventory – Dave Grey
 - a. Asking for volunteers to take inventory
 - b. Will train to use tablets @Good Food Store, 6:00 on Wednesday.
 - c. Focus on ADA
 - d. Grants being used to cover costs, inventory to determine type, size, etc.
6. Montana Rail Link Park – triangle area on Johnson Ave.
 - a. City purchased land from MRL
 - b. Trail will be connected to Bitterroot trail possibly in the spring of 2018
 - c. Chosen due to lack of parks in this neighborhood
 - d. Neighborhood meeting to design park, separate meeting for children to give ideas.
 - i. August 1, 2017 5:30- 9:00@Sovereign Hope Church located at North and Johnson, food will be provided.
7. Neighborhood Trees
 - a. Neighborhoods are choosing which trees they would rather see in their neighborhood
 - b. A public meeting was held July 19
 - c. Questions were asked concerning public vs private land for replacing trees.
8. Leadership team elections
 - a. Brandy Whitney and Chris Chitty were nominated and elected.
9. Q&A with City Council members
 - a. When will sidewalks be going in the Kent and Shilling area? -It is not on the immediate plan, no date set at this time.
 - b. City budget proposed with tax increase. -Need people to attend City Council meetings to provide comments.
 - c. Concerns about lack of winter plowing and limited ability to safely walk or use a wheelchair– Residents need to contact Street Works department. Enough calls may bring more plowing into the neighborhood.