

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

May 22nd, 2019 (Wednesday) – 5:00 pm – Slant Street Gateway (Mount & Park)

Leadership Team Members in Attendance: Roula Agne, Julie Devlin, Tate Jones, Katie LaPointe, Michael Painter.

Others in Attendance: Marley Merchen (Office of Neighborhoods), Ben Weiss (City of Missoula Bike-Ped Coordinator) Casey Erickson (Rose Park NC), Caryn Schwarze (Rose Park NC), Penelope LaPointe & Decker Agne (Rose Park NC / RPNC LT Security, Counseling & Morale). Cameo appearance by Peter Decker (Rose Park NC).

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. Introductions & welcome.

**Meeting Minutes** – Minutes from the April 24, 2019 Rose Park Neighborhood Council Leadership Team meeting were approved.

**Slant Street Gateway Discussion** – Ben Weiss discussed some of the benefits (traffic calming, greenway, pocket park of sorts) & challenges (maintenance, ongoing deterioration of bricks, and no sidewalks along Mount Ave) of the current configuration at the Slant Street Gateway. A crosswalk cannot be put in at present due to lack of sidewalks on north side of Mount Ave & lack of curb cutout (ADA required) on south side. Development Services & other city departments had requested Ben contact Rose Park NC to ask if the neighborhood might support use of the two triangle-shaped lots (approximately 5500 square feet & 3500 square feet) which are owned by the City for development of affordable housing. Other possible uses for the space were discussed by those in attendance, with general consensus to bring the issue to the next general meeting, with ample notice to the neighborhood. Some funding remains from neighborhood grants (approximately \$900) which may be available for other uses, provided a “change in scope” for grants is approved.

**Traffic Calming Project @ Cleveland & Crosby** – Julie reported that she had been successful in obtaining funds required for construction of the traffic calming project. Ben Weiss did not have a time frame on when the work might start, but Julie had received report from one of her neighbors that someone had been out taking measurements.

**Community Forum Reports** – Julie gave a report on the April Community Forum meeting - presenters included: Mark Thane (MCPS) on their Elementary School Boundary Study; Linda McCarthy (Missoula Downtown Association) on the update of the Downtown Master Plan & Nick Shontz (River Road NCLT) on the Local Government Citizen’s Academy.

**Office Of Neighborhoods Report** – Marley reported on activities in the Office of Neighborhoods:

- The Office of Neighborhoods has been relocated in the building currently housing the Office of Housing & Community Development (400 Ryman St.), next door to the City Council Chambers. Marley encouraged anyone who had not visited the new office to stop by during regular business hours.
- A “Traffic Circle Appreciation” event was held at Bonner Park on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – Julie Devlin reported she attended. There are still some traffic circles in Rose Park NC which need to be “adopted.”

- There is a Sunday Streets event scheduled for Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> in the areas of Franklin Park & McLeod Park. The Office of Neighborhoods is planning on staffing a table – anyone interested in participating should contact the office.

**Next Meeting** – The next Rose Park Neighborhood Council Leadership Team meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 26th, 2019, at 5:00 pm at the Missoula Senior Center (705 S. Higgins).

Submitted by Painter May.30.2019