

# Heart of Missoula Neighborhood Council General Minutes

Date: July 23, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Caras Park

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Welcome and Food

History of Neighborhood Councils – Jane Kelly – Neighborhood Coordinator

Missoula Neighborhood Watch – Tony Rollins, MNW Board member

- Neighborhood watch Block meetings - HOM needs better involvement.
- They are developing a new mission statement.
- Info distributed

Historic Preservation and the Missoula Downtown Master Plan (MDMP) – Emy Scherrer, Historic Preservation Officer

- Chapter 4 of the MDMP addresses this and includes strategies and tools. Includes adaptive reuse, mapping, heritage interpretation, and a master plan for historic/art/culture, land trusts.
- This is just a guide, not a rule.
- Tools for property owners includes national register, but we can list districts for protection with a zoning overlay, usually commercial or residential.
  - Protects contributing and non-contributing buildings and is voluntary
- We can consider proposing overlays to our neighborhood.
- Plan includes design guidelines for protecting character and addresses demolition by neglect (which is what happened to The Merc)
  - Adaptive reuse can include adding a façade to a historic building, if it keeps the character.

Poverello Center update – Jesse Jaeger, Director of Development & Advocacy

- Flood update: the mitigation is ongoing. Engineers and planners are looking at the problem. Improvements start next week.
  - Kitchen is operational, but not the men's dorm
  - To help: Food and money contributions (and patience)
- Introduction to 2 of the outreach members who's mission is to "Meet people where they are at." They work closely with other agencies. Hotline number is 493-7955
- Open meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 8, alternating a.m. and p.m.

Election of Leadership Team members – Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator

- Motion to accept new leadership elections, approved

Discussion with Downtown Business Owners – Heidi West & Bryan von Lossberg

- Bryan von Lossberg is the council liaison and is involved in the MDMP updates
- Welcoming comments until Aug 1 [John@missouladowntown.com](mailto:John@missouladowntown.com)
- Discussion of limits of medical marijuana zoning. Local gov't doesn't have much to say about it.
- Downtown Partnership is looking at ways to use MRA funding to have "incubator" buildings to support business that need help before they can afford current rent.

Q & A with City Council - Heidi West & Bryan von Lossberg

- Property tax assessments are an ongoing problem that is trying to be addressed
- We need to spread the word about how convenient the parking garages are (and that the first hour is free)
- Electric buses being unveiled soon

Adjournment

Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator  
Karen Gasvoda, Neighborhood Assistant  
Ethan Smith, Missoula Police Department  
Emy Scherrer, City of Missoula Planning  
Jesse Jaeger, Poverello Center  
Bryan von Lossberg, Ward 1 Council Member  
Heidi West, Ward 1 Council Member  
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