

Rose Park Neighborhood Council – Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

August 21st, 2019 (Wednesday) – 5:00 pm – Missoula Senior Center (705 S. Higgins)

Leadership Team Members in Attendance: Katie LaPointe, Clare Wood, Tate Jones, Julie Devlin, Michael Painter. Others in Attendance: Karen Gasvoda (Office of Neighborhoods), Jari Davis (Rose Park NC), Penelope LaPointe (Rose Park NC, Nutritional Advisor / Chef / PR).

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m.. Introductions & welcome.

Meeting Minutes – Minutes from the July 24th Leadership Team meeting were approved. September Leadership Team meeting to be scheduled at regular time (4th Wednesday – Sep. 25th – 5:00 pm) @ Senior Center, pending discussion at general meeting with any new LT members. (Note: There is a City Council Candidate Forum scheduled for 6:00 p.m. that evening, but that forum is for candidates in Wards 1 & 2.)

Rose Park General Meeting – Sunday, September 8th

General discussion of tentative agenda & presenters:

- MCPS has been invited to send representative(s) – new Superintendent Watson & new Paxson Principal Edward. Also have requested an update on work at Washington Middle School & Willard Alternative High School and status of / plan for disposition of MCPS Admin Building. (Tate recommended discussion regarding disposition of the admin building include preservation of the sign.)
- Slant Street Gateway future – invite Ben Weiss and/or representative from Development Services to discuss possible sale of property for housing.
- Memorial Rose Gardens @ Rose Park – invite Rose Society representative to discuss ‘Adopt-A-Bed’ program.
- Q&A with Ward 3 (Gwen Jones, Heather Harp) & Ward 4 (John DiBari, Jesse Ramos) representatives. Karen reported that invites had been sent out.
- Painter briefly discussed recent email from Principal McGill @ St. Joseph’s School and request for neighborhood assistance in promoting “No Dogs Allowed” agreement on their grounds. Painter will invite St. Joseph’s to send a representative and/or make request on their behalf at the general meeting.

Painter will resend draft general meeting postcard for review – and then forward to County Print Shop for printing and routing to Alpha Graphics for mailing. (Goal would be to get them mailed by early next week.)

Karen brought a PA system for the general meeting provided by the Office of Neighborhoods. Painter will test drive prior to general meeting.

General meeting assignments – all Leadership Team members asked to be at Rose Park by 4:45 p.m. to assist with set-up, sign-in and meet & greet.

Tate reported he cannot attend general meeting – would serve another term if no-one else is interested.

KaBOOM Rose Park Playground Project – Painter gave brief report on construction of new playground – more than 80 volunteers participated. Karen reported that remaining Slant Street Gateway neighborhood grant funds which had been approved for change-of-scope to assist with playground build project had been paid out. Julie & Painter expressed appreciation for the many groups & volunteers who participated – and to Ms. Penny LaPointe (and her staff) for their design work.

Community Forum Reports – Painter gave a brief report on the July Community Forum meeting – presenters were all neighborhood-related projects: playground @ 44 Ranch Park; Bancroft Trail

project @ Bancroft Ponds; ongoing improvements in the Old Sawmill District. Lillian Nelson was slated to report on her Van Buren Soil Wall Mural, but had technical difficulties with her presentation and will be rescheduled.

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

- Community Forum approved the increase in maximum allowed large neighborhood grant (from \$3,000 to \$6,000). Grant applications are due Oct. 29th – there will be a training on grant applications on Sep. 16th.
- Office of Neighborhoods will be staffing a table at Stories & Stones (@ Missoula Cemetery on Sunday, Sep. 15th) – still could use some assistance with staffing. Office of Neighborhoods won't be staffing a table at Sunday Streets (scheduled for the same day).
- City Council Candidate Forums have been scheduled – all will be held in the City Council chambers:
 - Sep. 19th – Candidates for Ward 5 & Ward 6
 - Sep. 24th – Candidates for Ward 3 & Ward 4
 - Sep. 25th – Candidates for Ward 1 & Ward 2

Public Comment –

Next Meeting – The next Rose Park Neighborhood Council Leadership Team meeting is tentatively scheduled (pending discussion with / decision by new Leadership Team after general meeting) for Wednesday, September 25th, at 5:00 pm at the Missoula Senior Center (705 S. Higgins).

Submitted by Painter Aug.22.2019