

Miller Creek Neighborhood Council General Meeting
Minutes for August 21, 2019

1. Wildfire Preparedness – Max Rebholz, Wildfire Preparedness Coordinator went over the “Community Wildfire Protection Plan” which includes more controlled burns and chemically treated areas to prevent wildfire.
2. Housing and Community Development – Colin Woodrow, Grants Administrator. This organization deploys grants for neighborhoods that are considered as affordable housing, cleans up “brown fields” such as old mines and industrial sites as well as a 10 year plan to end homelessness called “Reaching Home”. They have plans to create more affordable housing for the community to rent and to own and preserve the affordable homes that have already been built.
3. Energy and Climate – Chase Jones, Energy Conservation Coordinator spoke on the city’s “Smart Climate Plan” to be carbon neutral by 2025 in city buildings, focusing the electric supply for clean energy.
4. Jeanette Rankin School updates - Christina Stevens, Principal spoke on the updates of the elementary school such as painting sidewalks, the parking lot is now locked, new sod behind the school, outside lights have been dimmed, outside speaker has been lowered (due to complaints), and they will start a community garden this year. Jeanette Rankin is a pilot school for the “zero waste” project and has different bins for recycling and waste.
5. Election of new Leadership Team Members, Alex Fregerio, Doug Odegaard, and Chad Kuenzinger. Marshall Odell made the motion to elect all, seconded by Medora O’Connor.
6. Q & A with City Council Member Stacie Anderson. Sidewalks along Lower Miller Creek Road postponed due to budget issues until 2020. New budget was passed adding 6 new Police Officers to the city as well as more funds to the city including to help with plowing.
7. Announcements – September 19, 6 - 8pm Community Forum at City Council Chambers; September 15, 12 - 4pm Sunday Streets; September 15, 12:30 – 2:30pm Stories and Stones at Missoula Cemetery.
8. Adjournment

In Attendance

40 neighbors
Jane Kelly
Stacie Anderson
Marshall Odell
Debra Odell
Jack Walton
Nicole Hyman
Richard Paschke
Medora O’Connor
Alex Fregerio
Doug Odegaard
Chad Kuenzinger