

November 12, 2019 F2F Meeting –

Councils (F2F and Two Rivers); Chris Chitty, Julie Merrit (City Council), Davis Ritsema, Kyle Carver, Mark McClements, Alexander Wells, Jane Kelly (neighborhood coordinator), Mark McClements, Cindy Hockelberg, Sanch Mulkey, Mike Hanson, neighborhood members also attended meeting.

1. September 10, 2019 meetings motion to approve, seconded and approved as written
2. Public Non-Comment Agenda items: Claudia Hewston, Ameri Corp. member for NWF. Gardening for a purpose. Reclaim and recreate wildlife habitat in Missoula, for pollinators, birds, butterflies. Work with schools and business to certify properties. Help to look for grant money or volunteers. Interested in different projects. Certification costs \$20.00 and they offer free signs that state you have obtained certification. Water and food source and shelter. They can help with planting ideas. Claudia can be reached at 406-541-6708; mteducation@nwf.org. Missoula only city in Montana to be certified. Need to go things every year to keep certification. Workshops or anything to keep certification. Claudia has been working with the schools on their gardens.
3. T.E.D. Amendments (Townhome exemption). Came down from State law. Is for infill housing in Franklin to Fort. Established setbacks. Some flexibility on design. 2011 Montana State legislature as an exemption to Subdivision Law. Going this process easier than subdivision properties. City had to update and address regulations. Do not need to get a conditional use. You have a right. Reviewed administratively rather than through city council. Cap on here is twenty units. Regardless of zoning now so most units can only be twenty now. Benefit is infill, walkability, connectivity streamlined review. Challenges are that it is not a subdivision so can't require roads etc. Not as much public participation. Intended to encourage residential development within the city's core. Not intended for Greenfield development. Main concern didn't like upper limits, seem very arbitrary. Wanted underlying zoning to control. (comment of council member). Ben Brewer city contact at: bbrewer@ci.missoula.mt.us.
4. Update on Skyview Affordable housing – Went to LUP and was passed by City Council. It will be on the consent agenda. They did receive 5.9 million in federal housing tax credits. Three story development. The property is rezoned to RM145.
5. Community Forum Report – One representative from every neighborhood goes to city council. Presentations on different items and then round robin on what is going on in their neighborhood. Office of neighborhood gave out \$3000.00 for a big mural on lower rattlesnake neighborhood. Near two new roundabouts in this neighborhood. Jason Dufflin from Garden City Compost came and did a presentation. They sell top dressing to put on your grass. They also take brush.
6. Office of Neighborhoods Report. Just received grants, small and large grants. Dollar amounts are changed to \$6000.00 for large grant. Fourteen grant requests \$55,000 of needs. Artwork, irrigation in parks, trees etc. Likely to community forum in December.
7. Possible role the leadership team could play is to help the public understand when to be involved. Another development proposed request for rezone at Eaton and Mount. Julie Merrit has asked the mayor to understand how we can fund infrastructure, street falling apart. They will have a public comment period. Rezone question is "is it in the growth plan." Franklin to Fort needs to redo an infrastructure plan. Want the neighborhood to tell them what the plan to look like. How would development would occur would be the guidance.

8. Department of housing and community development is applying for a grant. This has nothing to do with redevelopment. Trying to clean up to residential standards.
9. Neighborhood Meeting Topic – Need to have another meeting in December – Possible theme this year “transportation.” Second Tuesday in December 10th – meeting at 6:00. January 14th (Tuesday), seconded and so moved.
 - a. Budget – can apply for reallocated funds. Jane will look at what we need to do and tie in with Cindy Hockelberg
 - b. Franklin School will be the location – Chris Chitty
 - c. Post Cards – Cindy will design the post cards and Davis will pick up and deliver to Alpha Graphics.
 - d. Sandwich Boards – Kyle will set up sandwich boards
 - e. Refreshments – Mark and Chris will be doing this.
 - f. Minutes – Cindy will take care of them.
 - g. Two Rivers will be included at the meeting. One post card mailed to two neighborhoods.

Big Sky public relations Sara Knobel and Bob Vosen (MDT) – Higgins Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project. Contractor not selected yet. Project going out to bid this next week. Second Thursday of December then will award bid, notice to proceed will be February 5th. Replace surface and some slight widening. Traffic reduced one lane each direction on east side then when finished (hopefully June) finish the other side and finish in November with the project. Wider lanes for the traffic and a widened pedestrian paths. On the southwest quadrant slip lane will be squared up. Create small plaza area. Maintained by city parks department. About a year of construction. Will be coordinating with the downtown businesses and Caras Park. There will be text alerts, weekly updates and working with the media. Email updates at info@bigskypublicrelations.com. They are aware of the events that occur throughout the year at the parks. Work to minimize impacts. The River Trail will be closed at times, try to keep open as much as possible. The staircase on the eastside will be removed. The west side staircase that goes into Caras Park not ADA compliant. Gave back to the City, how they want to move forward. Public open house is tomorrow evening (11/13 residence inn (downtown) from 4-6 PM). For Text updates text HIGGINS to 41411.

Russell Street project – hopeful new signal installed on Russell and Broadway up within a couple of weeks. Working on decking through March. Difficult drilling conditions. Russell and Higgins construction likely to be ongoing at the same time. Signal change should be helpful for better traffic flow.

Miscellaneous: Election Results still difference of twelve votes so there is a possible recount.

Adjourned.