

Grant Creek/North Reserve Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Minutes 4 to 5:30 p.m. April 8, 2021 Zoom

Attending: Ron Larsen (Leadership Team, City), Kim Birck (Leadership Team, County), Wendell Beardsley (Leadership Team, County), Bert Lindler (Leadership Team, City), Tony Marino (Leadership Team, City), Kevin Davis (Leadership Team, County), Lee Clemmensen (Leadership Team, City), Mike Cole (Friends of Grant Creek Wildfire Risk Task Force), Rich Lasko (Friends of Grant Creek Wildfire Risk Task Force), Kathi Olson (Chair, Public Art Committee), Kelly Elam (Office of Neighborhoods), Brian Walter, Vincent Rivero, M Costanza von der Pahlen, Jane Pierce.

Bert Lindler asked that the agenda be changed to allow discussion of traffic signal boxes while Kathi Olson, chairman of the Missoula Public Art Committee, was in attendance. See Bert Lindler's presentation attached below. In summary, last year's maintenance on North Reserve replaced four beautified traffic signal boxes with new stainless steel boxes and added one new signal box, leaving five signal boxes unbeautified on North Reserve. Of the beautified boxes that were replaced, two were wrapped with vinyl, meaning they can be replaced simply by rewrapping the new signal boxes.

Olson said that the Public Art Committee would be able to have those two signal boxes rewrapped for \$1,800: \$800 each for the sign company that does the wrapping and \$100 each for the artists, who will oversee the rewrapping.

Mike Cole and Rich Lasko of the Friends of Grant Creek Wildfire Risk Task Force presented an abbreviated version of their PowerPoint presentation. The task force includes four retired firefighters and a retired attorney (who's trying to locate alternative evacuation routes for Grant Creek residents).

The task force has been working for the past year gathering information that it hopes to use to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Grant Creek.

Developer Ken Ault is planning to submit another request to rezone the two parcels at 2920 Expo Parkway. He told members of the Friends of Grant Creek that he would be proposing to build about 700 units of housing: 625 in four-story apartments and 75 in townhouses and condos. A development agreement being considered would restrict development in certain ways for whomever owned the parcels. No official rezoning request has been submitted to the city.

Before action items were considered, Bert Lindler explained that only leadership team members who were city residents would be able to move, second, or vote on proposals involving funding for traffic signal box beautification: doing so involves recommendations for the spending of city funds. At the time these proposals were under consideration, only two leadership team members who were city residents were still attending the meeting: Bert Lindler and Tony Marino.

No motion was made to write a letter of support for the Grant Creek/North Reserve Traffic Signal Box Beautification Grant.

Bert Lindler explained that the leadership team had five options for using \$1,267.12 in unspent neighborhood council funds. Normally, those funds would have been used for meeting and mailing expenses unneeded during a pandemic. The options were:

- 1) Supplement the \$20,000 neighborhood project grant funds
- 2) Support a public relations campaign related to reinvigoration of the neighborhood councils
- 3) Help fund a van for neighborhood block parties
- 4) Allow the funds to revert to the city coffers
- 5) Transfer the funds to the Public Art Committee for rewrapping two signal boxes.

Tony Marino moved and Bert Lindler seconded that the Grant Creek/North Reserve Neighborhood Council transfer its unspent budget to the Public Art Committee to rewrap two beautified signal boxes that were replaced during the 2020 maintenance on North Reserve. Both Tony and Bert voted to approve the motion.

Wendell Beardsley moved and Kim Birck seconded that the Grant Creek/North Reserve Neighborhood Council schedule a Zoom general membership meeting for 7 p.m. May 25. The main item on the agenda will be the full presentation by the Friends of Grant Creek Wildfire Risk Task Force. There was unanimous voice approval by the five leadership team members present for the vote.

Kelly Elam discussed changes in the Office of Neighborhoods. Kelly Elam and Colin Woodrow are working from home because of the pandemic. The Office of Neighborhoods has retained a consultant to draft uniform bylaws for the neighborhood councils, which now have a diversity of bylaws. New mailing lists are being prepared for each neighborhood and the neighborhoods map is being updated to reflect new streets and boundaries.

No public comment on nonagenda items.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Bert Lindler