

Heart of Missoula Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Minutes

May 18, 2021 – Via Zoom

9:00 AM

1. Introductions and Roll Call
Kim Brown-Campbell, Leah Morrow, Paige Furniss, and Laurel Farrell,
John Corwin, Downtown Association, Colin Woodrow, Kelly Elam,
Missoula Neighborhoods
2. The minutes for [November 19, 2020](#) were approved unanimously.
3. Presentations – COVID update by Laurel Farrell – Laurel has been working for the County running the vaccine clinic. 52% of eligible are vaccinated and the County needs 75% to be at community immunity. Cases are staying low, but need to get more people vaccinated or there may be a fall spike.
4. Discussion Items:
 - Decide on a re-occurring monthly meeting time – doodle poll or survey to get max number of folks, ideally a set schedule
 - Second Monday of the month at 12:00 PM
 - John suggested a board buddy to communicate with each other if someone can't make it.
 - And/or other appropriate ways of communication for neighborhood business – trying out regular meetings first
 - Discussed ongoing rolls within HoM NLT. Leah will attend the Community Forum meeting on May 27, 2021.
 - Recruitment
There was discussion to combine with another neighborhood.
 - The Bylaws have been rewritten, neighborhoods will have flexibility in adopting or adding to them and they allow expanding the NLT and who can be on the council including landlords and business owners, City Council members, and City leaders.
 - Update on grant applications and current budget. There were 8 Improvement Grant applications. The HoM can decide how they want to spend their funds. They can spend it, donate it to the

improvement grants, Missoula neighborhoods or return it to the City coffers.

- Brainstorm ways to solicit more participation in the HoM NLT. The Team will continue to discuss ways to get more people involved with the neighborhood LT.
- Possibility to combine neighborhood meetings with other neighborhoods. Discussion will continue to combine neighborhood meetings.
- Schedule annual General BBQ/meeting. Maybe in October.

5. Downtown update – John Corwin
 - a. Roots Fest is back on with more local bands
 - b. Out to Lunch and Downtown Tonight starts in June
 - c. Inventory of alleys for potential for alternative use, engaging property owners
 - d. John encourages us to reach out – Downtown Missoula Partnership via phone or email
 - e. Business changes. 20 new businesses, lots of online added to bricks and mortar, lots of collaboration
 - f. Plans for projects on their website
6. Add plan neighborhood meeting to agenda
 - a. John communicates with real estate owners and has ideas of how to find people, cadastral is an option
 - b. End of fiscal year is June 30
 - c. Lots of topical issues that can generate interest (outside of the usual suspects)
 - i. Front and Main
 - ii. What is future use of Library space
7. Missoula Neighborhoods Report – Colin Woodrow
 - a. Rebuilding and shifting vision
 - b. Education, Engagement, and Empowerment – to develop a value and vision statements for neighborhoods
 - c. Colin encourages us to reach out to him
 - d. Engagemissoula website for City projects
 - e. Look at North Riverside Parks and Trails Plan
8. Public comment on non-agenda items
None
9. Announcements
None