

# Riverfront Neighborhood Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2023  
3:30 PM  
Bernice's Bakery

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The Riverfront Leadership Team (RLT) met from 3:30 - 5:00 on 16 March 2023. RLT members present at the meeting were: Christine Littig, Karina Pritchard, John Qualben, Eva Dunn- Froebig, Tristan Hustler, Tyler Horne, and Deb Bonk.

## **Minutes from Last Meeting:**

Minutes for February 16, 2023 were approved as submitted.

## **New/Ongoing Business:**

Meeting Location: The RLT discussed possible new meeting locations since we are no longer able to meet at The Cambium Place. Members of the team are exploring potential options for future meetings, including Bernice's, ATG space in the new Tech Center in the Old Sawmill District, the Missoula Library, the Senior Center, and the Election Building. We will discuss responses and options at our next meeting.

## **Neighborhood Developments:**

The team transitioned to discussing new events, activities, or concerns in the Riverfront area. These included:

- The ongoing installation of new water mains along 1st Street.
- Discussion of a recent police report about someone turning off main power breakers at several businesses in the Riverfront neighborhood.
- Safety issues, including an area of the neighborhood that has experienced two shelter-in- place alerts since the Fall and ongoing concerns about the transient population in Silver Park.
- An interest in having someone from the Old Sawmill District provide an update on plans and construction at a future meeting, to include the status of additional parking and plans for a traffic light at Cregg and Orange Street.
- A discussion of Missoula's ongoing parking survey and the importance of providing input, either via Engage Missoula or at a public meeting.

## **Sculpture Park:**

Chuck Leonard, a resident in the Riverfront Neighborhood who proposed the sculpture park and its location, attended the meeting because he saw it on our agenda. He provided some background on the work he has done and asked the RLT for our views. We noted that the team had submitted a letter to Missoula Parks and Recreation and the Arts Department raising two concerns — the need for robust public engagement as this initiative moves forward and our interest in having more than one location included in the feasibility study. Chuck had not seen our letter and we committed to providing him a copy. The team will invite the Arts Committee sponsor to a future meeting to discuss status and next steps.

## **Planning for General Riverfront Neighborhood Meeting:**

This meeting will be held on March 30, starting at 5:30 PM at the International School. Discussion centered on inviting our neighborhood city council reps, outlining, and planning the agenda, to include a presentation by Opportunity Resources on a planned

redevelopment project, arranging for food and beverages, and possible tours of the building. Kalina noted that post cards announcing the meeting to neighborhood residents are in the process of being sent. Christine is taking the lead on the format and content for the meeting and Tyler is handling the food arrangements.

**Neighborhood Clean Up:**

The team is planning to hold a neighborhood clean-up on April 29, and additional details and plans were included in a follow-up email from Christine after the meeting.

**Budget:**

The team is planning to have a deeper discussion of projects we might be able to fund this year after we see what funds remain following the general meeting. This will be an agenda item for our April meeting.

**Community Forum Report:**

Eva noted that the last meeting included a presentation on changes to ward boundaries. These changes do not impact Ward 3, which is the Riverfront area.

**Old Business:**

The team briefly discussed the status of our letter on the sculpture park, but none of the attendees was aware of the status of this.

The meeting concluded at 5:00 PM. Our next meeting will be on April 20, 2023.

