

Northside-Westside Neighborhood Council  
February 25, 2010  
Minutes

6:30pm Mingle and Pizza

6:40pm

Announcements – CERT Meeting, Informal Working Group on Rail Yard Issues:

LaNette Diaz – facilitator

- Rail Yard – Nate Johnson – Informal with the help of Dru Carr – working on railroad issues – air quality, diesel, noise, use of herbicides and pesticides – sign up if interested.
- Michael Parker notice – graffiti art – kids and the public to do murals at the under pass.
- Roy Houseman – Alderman – Ward 2 newly elected. Phillips Street Missoula County Democrats – drive for election judges – 2 year commitment – get paid, training, Contact Roy or go to Courthouse for more information.
- Nancy Willson – Phillips Street – 3 plus for Russell – Handout – consider what public would like to see on Russell and how it will effect our neighborhood. Thought of having Russell go through to interstate – consider how this will impact our neighborhood.
- John Couch – board member North Missoula CDC – struggling for putting on the Outdoor Cinema. We need to work on sponsorships – businesses, people, we need support. Sponsorships will vary – dependent on amount of time and kind of advertisement. Outdoor Cinema takes place at Head Start Building. Will show 9 or 10 movies. Usually do 12 a year. 829-0873
- Pam Walzer – Scott St and Toole St. intersection – trying to work on improving the intersection.

6:50 pm

Learn about Lowell Schools new garden and cookbook – Lisa B

- Missoula Forum for Children and Youth – Missoula Meets the Challenge. Looking at Missoula to change its perception of driving drunk. Community Life Center March 24.
- Flagship – Building Futures – Missoula Building Industry – COT just built a house on Grove St. Being raffled in September. Buy tickets!
- Flagship in need of money. Fundraising. Lost the Albertson Partnership. Orange Street Food Farm will donate 1% of your groceries if you tell cashier to donate to Flagship
- ColdStone – first Tuesday of every month will also donate a percentage.
- GARDEN – 2.5 years in the making. Built a garden in part with a neighborhood project grant. April 19<sup>th</sup> – 90 people built the garden. Tons of potential. Funding for garden coordinator position has run out. Need a coordinator for at least another year to build sustainability. Four Cs – communication, calendar, curriculum and confidence. Garden party around April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Activities in the garden for community members.
- National American Food Products – Farm to School Foods – film – impressed by the use of the garden. Film will be featured at Sentinel: 5:30 – 7 on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Cookbook – different recipes from students, families, teachers, and others involved in the garden. It costs \$10! Raffle for painting – to be raffled off in April at the Garden Party
- March 9, 10, 11<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair! Used paperbacks and selling new books. Partnering with the Book Exchange. Garden is empowering! See rise in attendance of PTA.

7:00pm

What is the Northside Revitalization Project? Come find out how neighbor, the ZACC is helping improve and promote our 'Hood – Hanna

Hanna - Director of ZACC: What's Happening at the ZACC –

- Non-profit. Link Grant application – were in the top 15 programs in the Nation.
- Northside Revitalization Maps – organizations on Northside and Westside areas – free, fun projects. Putting funds toward other projects. Hope to be main supporters of throwing a Block Party. Thinking early May. Email Hanna thoughts on what party can look like – what you would like.
- Need Support: Consider being a member. Fill out membership form. Cost is Individual membership is \$30/year; Family - \$55; Ultimate is \$100
- Michael Parker – Adjunct Professor at The University of Montana. The Northside and Westside deserves a great mural. Nationally recognized. Raised \$9000 needs \$3000 more. Fundraising March 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm – 8:00pm– at the ZACC and Stensrud. 30 college students and 20 high school students.
- Art Under \$100: First ever community art project taking place at UM. Showcase Missoula artists. Possible site – Orange Street Underpass [www.zootownarts.org](http://www.zootownarts.org)

7:15 pm

\* The Equinox was just built by homeWORD on the corner of Russell and Broadway providing affordable rental housing to 34 households. Come learn about Equinox's sister building "The Solstice" – homeWORD

- Liz Stoekel and Julie Summer is the groundbreaking. homeWORD provides safe, healthy, affordable housing through sustainable methods. Providing education and counseling.
- Solstice – new building. Top two floors will be affordable housing and the bottom floor will be commercial property. Finishing planning in the next month. Will be at 1545 Liberty Lanes – West of Equinox. Along River Front. Three story building – affordable housing. 34 units. Income restricted – must qualify. To serve people who are earning 40 – 60 percent of median income. Restriction due to partially funded by low income tax credits. Studios and 1 and 2 bedroom apartments.
- Upper 2 floors will be residential; homeWORD offices, Home Ownership Center, and hopefully other non-profits. Underground parking; Graywater irrigation system for landscaping; Solar panels; Energy conservation; Public easement between the two buildings – feel free to walk through there!
- Upcoming design charette – ideas, sketches, think of it as an art project. [Julie@homeWORD.org](mailto:Julie@homeWORD.org) - send emails with ideas!
- VOTE: Neighborhood Council Leadership Team to write letters of supports. Motioned and seconded passed unanimously

7:30 pm

What is the Boys Urban Guild? – Jonas Udan

- Mentoring program – manual trade skills and other skills community members want to share. Reason for this program is to support boys – to equalize the shift between empowerment for boys and girls
- Boys to build practical skills – rights of passage. Want to partner with non-profits.
- Reality of this program – will most likely start in the Westside – accessible through bicycles and then expand through communities.
- Teachable skills are welcome. Anything! Create connections and help boys give back to community.
- [bugmsla@gmail.com](mailto:bugmsla@gmail.com) - contact Jonas if interested in being involved or teaching skills. age group – 11 -17 years old. Perhaps create internships for after high school.

7:45 pm Burns St. Square – Jack Roan

- NMCDC bought a 12,000 square feet space part of which is an 80 year old shipping facility and converted it into a Community Grocery Cooperative that is member owned and operated. Can be a member of the Coop - \$125 membership for life. 1500 Burns Street
- 15 different organizations – looking at developing community kitchen and café within warehouse to share space with coop. Looking at how to make it efficient and effective.
- \$950,000 used to address shell of building and infrastructure and transform Southern Face. Would like to develop garden on roof.
- NMCDC asking for another appropriation from Congress. In need of letters for support.  
[www.Missoulacommunityfoodcoop.org](http://www.Missoulacommunityfoodcoop.org)
- VOTE: Letter of support – Neighborhood Leadership Council letters of support to Congress Motioned and seconded, passed unanimously.