

River Road Leadership Meeting

On January 13, 2010 the Leadership Team met at the Missoula Plans Exchange. The following was discussed:

Attending

Erin Scott, the neighborhood liaison to city of Missoula, Jeremy, Stephanie, Dax, Andrea, Katie, Mike, and Christian

Agenda Items

Milwaukee Trail Connection Update—

WGM group will be consulted on the design of the trail and will meet with us next meeting to discuss ideas and plans for the trail.

Stephanie reported on the Justus Lane meeting conducted by Dave Shaw. She said the people in that neighborhood seem to resent the intrusion of the trail even with the improvements to the area and expected increase in property values.

We hope to have a full neighborhood meeting early in the spring to inform the entire neighborhood of progress on the trail and other neighborhood items of interest.

Lafray Park Playground progress –

There will be a workshop on playground design and a discussion of the stimulus grant money on Saturday, January 16 and it was agreed that a strong presence by our neighborhood would be valuable.

A road trip was planned for 10:30 January 14th to view the other playgrounds on the list to receive money from the grant, so we also have an understanding of the need of the other parks. Those able to attend will meet at Lafray Park to share rides. Dax will take pictures to share with the rest of us.

Parks and Rec has offered to contact people in the neighborhood about the workshop if we can give them those names and addresses. It was decided that we would all try to let our neighbors know about it.

Naming of the park and more signage to bring people to it was introduced.

Communication-

Erin Scott from the city gave Dax a list of the homeowner names & addresses in our area. He is working through the list to find if they are on Facebook and letting them know about our websites. He is also creating an email contact list.

Upcoming events, like a possible celebration at the park complete with outdoor movie, to announce it's completion this summer were discussed. Ideas for best way to let people know of this and other possible events were publicity, radio, community calendar, and press releases, along with email and mailing lists.

Meeting change-

A meeting day change was requested due to a conflict for one of the team members. It was agreed to change future meetings from Wednesday mornings to Tuesday mornings. For information on where to attend upcoming meetings please contact the webmaster.

After the meeting Katie, as treasurer, was given the current budget information and was briefed by Erin on procedures for reimbursement of funds from the city. Erin emphasized the importance of the preapproval process thru Purchase Orders and the need to follow procedures to obtain reimbursements in a timely manner.