

River Road Leadership Meeting

On Feb 9, 2010 the Leadership Team met at the Missoula Plans Exchange.

Attending

Jeremy Flesch, Stephanie McCullough, Dax Kuehn, Andrea, Katie Mickey, Mike Hathaway, and Christian Cridder

Guests

Jeremy Keen from WGM, Becky Goodrich and Dave Shaw from Parks and Rec, and Ed Childers from the City Council

The following was discussed:

Agenda Items

Milwaukee Trail Connection Update--

The road trip to look at the trail route was discussed and it was agreed that the corridor taken was not ideal in some areas and aspects. However, many thanks went out to those who have worked so long and hard to get the very best trail possible at this time. If opportunities arise in the future for a better passageway they can be looked at that time.

Becky Goodrich from Missoula Parks and Rec shared her ideas about the best way to introduce the trail to elevate the different concerns of the various neighborhoods. She will send personal letters to those who live adjacent to the trail and those who will be directly affected. Dave will have small meeting with the different groups from the smaller neighborhoods and discuss with each, their specific concerns. Then newsletters to the entire neighborhood both on line and snail mail will be sent. Next we will have a neighborhood meeting to introduce WGM's specific plans and visuals of the trail along with a schedule of affected areas. Lastly she will produce a media blitz to introduce the trail to the city at large.

Jeremy Keen from WGM passed out overhead photos of the River Rd area and went through the trail route. We discussed different aspects of the trail including safety concerns, the historical significance, and basic look of the trail. He is hoping for fall completion.

We will set a date in the next couple weeks for 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 --

Dave Shaw from Missoula Parks and Rec told us a very basic preliminary plan for the playground has been unveiled and is being discussed at Parks and Rec.

Communication-

Dax will meet with Dave Shaw about creating a n email contact list and Becky Goodrich to facilitate the information coming out of the neighborhood regarding the Milwaukee Trail.