

Rose Park Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2014 - 7:30 pm

Location: Jack Reidy Conference Room (City Council Chambers, 130 W Pine)

1. In Attendance: John Pilsworth (RPNC LT), Michael Painter (RPNC LT), Jane Kelly (Neighborhood Coordinator).

Others Present: John O'Connor & Tate Jones - Friends of Fort Missoula Regional Park

A meeting of the Rose Park Neighborhood Council Leadership Team was held on Tuesday, October 14th, in the Jack Reidy Conference Room (Missoula City Council Chambers, 140 W Pine), starting at shortly after 7:30 p.m.

2. **Informational Presentation on Missoula County Parks & Trails GO Bond Proposal**

Only two members of the current RPNC Leadership Team were in attendance - while a presentation by Friends of Fort Missoula Regional Park had been scheduled, Painter requested/recommended that John & Tate conserve their time & efforts for any additional / future presentations. (Both Painter & John Pilsworth had already received & mailed in their absentee ballots.) Mr. O'Connor & Mr. Jones were thanked for their time & willingness to present information to the Leadership Team.

3. **Rose Park Neighborhood Projects Update**

John Pilsworth, Painter & Jane Kelly briefly discussed the status of neighborhood projects in progress.

- Small Neighborhood Grant - Trees @ Sunset Memorial Park / Willard School As of the afternoon of the RPNC LT Meeting, the trees had not been planted. Painter had left a voice mail message for and sent an e-mail to Helen & Brian Jenkins requesting an update, but did not hear back prior to the meeting. Painter also left a voice mail message for & sent an e-mail to Ms. Jane Bennett, Willard Principal. (Note: Per subsequent phone call from Julie Devlin, the trees were delivered & planted later that week.)
- Wrap Up On Rose Park General Meeting & Ice Cream Social (September 17th @ Rose Park) This item was tabled until more leadership team members were present to be involved in discussion of how often general meetings and/or ice cream or other social gatherings should be held by the neighborhood council.
- Budget Report - Rose Park General Meeting & Ice Cream Social Jane provided a print-out of the neighborhood budget - the September meeting costs were \$627.50 for mailing (postcard printing by Missoula County's print shop & postage bill from The Directory) & meeting expenses were \$380.75 (Big Dipper ice cream truck). Current balances in the neighborhood council's two budget accounts are - Mailing: \$398.75, General Expenses:

\$419.25.

- Rose Park Neighborhood Council support for Rose Society in recruiting volunteers and in completing maintenance & planting needed at the park. Painter to attend next meeting of the Rose Society (Thursday, October 16th).
- Large Neighborhood Grant Application - "Ivy Street Community Gardens" Gwen Jones, John Pilsworth & Clare Wood from the leadership team had assisted Garden City Harvest (primarily Genevieve Jessop Marsh) with completing an application for a large neighborhood grant to help cover the costs of putting in a community garden @ Ivy / Franklin / Marshall. The Neighborhood Project Funds Committee will be presenting their recommendations to Community Forum this month (October 23rd). Jane Kelly reported that 7 large grant applications had been received, totaling \$18,900 in requested funds. (Large grant funding is generally capped at \$18,000.)

4. **Community Forum Report**

Clare Wood represented RPNC at the September Community Forum meeting. Painter provided John Pilsworth a copy of the minutes from the September CF meeting and gave a brief report on that meeting.

Three presentations were given:

- Laval Means, with the City's Development Services, reported on the progress of "Our Missoula" - the work to update Missoula's Growth Policy. Laval encouraged all neighborhood council representatives to participate as they are able - there will be public workshops, listening sessions and focus groups established.
- Shirley Lindburg with Missoula County Public Schools discussed MCPS' i3 Teen Project.
- Loran Frazier with WGM Group outlined options for the Milwaukee Trail Crossing at Russell Street & encouraged neighborhood councils and/or individuals who were interested to provide their input into their preferred option(s).

Other business included approval of a small neighborhood grant for a mural and selection of representatives to the Neighborhood Project Funds (NPF) Committee for FY2015. CF representatives will be Mary LaPorte, Ray Aten, Dave Chrismon & Jeff Stevens, with Jesse Neidigh and Bob Martin as alternates. Annelise Hedahl will be representing the City Council on the committee this year.

Painter also reported that Clare Wood did a very nice job at Community Forum reporting on the success of Rose Park's General Meeting & Ice Cream Social.

5. **Possible New Projects**

Discussion was tabled regarding the possibility of working to develop additional book houses in the neighborhood until more leadership team members were in attendance.

6. **Next RPNC Leadership Team Meeting / Garden City Harvest Follow-Up Meeting**

The leadership team had tentatively agreed to meet again in January (after the holidays) - Painter will send out some proposed dates for consideration. RPNC has also been asked to schedule a meeting with Garden City Harvest in January to develop a plan & time frame for assisting with development of the Ivy Street Community Gardens.

7. **New Business**

Jane Kelly reported that interviews for the newly-funded position in the Office of Neighborhoods had been held & Corena Maurer has been hired to fill that position. Ms. Maurer starts on Thursday (October 16th). Jane also informed us that Shelby Wheeler will be leaving her position as volunteer coordinator - Shelby has accepted a position working for the Loyola Foundation & will be greatly missed by everyone she worked with during her work-study time with the Office of Neighborhoods.

Jane also asked for RPNC's assistance in finding some Rose Park residents who might be willing & able to "adopt" some of the neighborhood's traffic circles which as of yet don't have a neighbor maintaining them. Traffic circles in Rose Park Neighborhood Council which fit that bill are those at the following intersections:

- Tremont & Woodford
- Blaine & Crosby
- Edith & Florence
- Crosby & Ford

These traffic circles do have residents who have graciously agreed to "adopt" them:

- Woodford & Crosby
- Plymouth & Florence
- Blaine & Tremont

Painter will e-mail all Rose Park residents for whom we have an e-mail address & ask for assistance with maintaining those traffic circles. (Note: There may be funds available to cover some of the costs associated with maintaining the traffic circles. Additional information is available from Jane Kelly.)

8. **Public Comment** - None.

9. **Announcements** - None.

Summary / Minutes submitted by Painter.