

## **River Road Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes**

Date: February 18, 2015

Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm

Location: The Lighthouse @ The Source  
255 S. Russell St.  
Missoula, MT 59801

Leadership Team Members Present: Jesse Neidigh, Melissa Neidigh, Kim Walterskirchen, Prairie Wolfe, Patrick Guinard and Nick Shontz

Others Present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, Aaron Brock, Executive Director of the Missoula Food Bank

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1. Missoula Food Bank Relocation – Aaron Brock - Aaron Brock from Missoula Food Bank discussed its relocation to the River Road neighborhood. The current location does not have enough waiting space, the service area is not adequate, and multiple buildings spread across the area are needed to store their supplies. The future home of the Missoula Food Bank will be on the corner of Catlin and Wyoming. They are currently waiting on an environmental study and collecting public comment, if all goes well they may close by May. If they close in May, they will hire an architect and design team (including community feedback), launch a capital campaign to raise money, and construction could start as soon summer 2016. Comments/concerns from the Leadership Team included: traffic at Russell and Wyoming and more bus service in the area.
  2. Neighborhood Boundary Line Modifications – Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator - Boundary Line Modifications - Jane presented on neighborhood council boundaries, the process of making changes to boundaries, and the population breakdown west of Reserve Street from River Road and Franklin to the Fort neighborhoods. The River Road Leadership Team discussed taking this to the next Neighborhood council meeting to be voted on as a neighborhood.
  3. Grant Ideas – Possible Pocket Park – the leadership team would like to look into possible pocket parks in our neighborhood. Keep your eyes open for possible locations in our neighborhood.
  4. Discovering and Engaging HOA's in our Neighborhood - HOAs can be looked up on the Secretary of State's website. The Office of Neighborhoods also has a list on their website. There is no one in charge of tracking HOAs so Corena Maurer, Neighborhood Assistant, is trying to gather this information. In the future the

leadership team will extend invitations to HOAs in the general meetings. The leadership team could also work with them to improve connectivity between the HOAs in the neighborhood.

5. Community Forum Report – Jesse Neidigh - The Urban Forester has completed the city tree audit. City Finance Office presented on the capital improvement projects list for the City. About \$3000 of reallocated funds was voted on for the Office of Neighborhoods.
6. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Jane Kelly – The Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year nominations are due in early March. Miller Creek Neighborhood became active recently.
7. New Business - The Salvation Army will come to the next Leadership Team meeting. The next meeting is March 18th at the Source at 6:30 pm.
8. Public comment on non-agenda items - Frank's Little Farm is applying for a variance for their property and may be requesting neighbors to send letters of support. For the next meeting the leadership team may want to look into finding out more information about Johnson Street.
9. Announcements - None

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## What is important to the River Road Neighbors?

1. Trail Lighting – 12 Votes
2. Russell Street Progress – 8 Votes
3. Votes Recycling – 7 Votes
4. Local Services – 6 Votes
5. Street Lighting – 6 Votes
6. 3rd Street Progress – 6 Votes
7. Neighborhood Watch – 5 Votes
8. Status of Quarry/Park – 5 Votes
9. Neighborhood Story – 4 Votes
10. Sidewalks – 4 Votes
11. Through Street Connectivity – 4 Votes
12. Infill Development – 4 Votes
13. Connecting with City Council Members – 4 Votes

Submitted by: Melissa Neidigh