

River Road Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: March 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 and Nick Shontz

Others Present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator and Joshua Hamilton, Salvation Army.

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1. New Salvation Army Building – Joshua Hamilton - from the Salvation Army came to talk to the Neighborhood Leadership Team. Views from Russell Street and the parking lot were shared. Floor plans were also shared of the building, commercial kitchen, fellowship hall, classrooms, office space, chapel, social services (including showers and laundry services, emergency food boxes). Some concerns that have been voiced: Will people be waiting outside the doors? With the large lobby space they do not expect that to be a problem. They focus more on homeless families than homeless individuals. They will not be housing people over night. More information can be found at www.missoula.salvationarmy.org. In the future a gymnasium will be added, funding need to be raised possibly in three years. They are currently only going to be using half their parcel of land at this point.
The building will be done by the end of the summer. Joshua is also interested in coming to the June BBQ to talk to more neighbors.
 2. Community Forum Report – Jesse Neidigh - reported that there was a presentation from Development Services on building permits. There was also presentation from the Missoula Food Bank. Small grants were also approved for pianos downtown this summer, Lowell School asked for money to build a mural, and a winter art studio night. New city council member Patrick Weasel Head was also there and introduced himself. Requests were also gathered for Community Forum Leadership members and the Forum will vote at the next meeting. The Community Forum meeting next week will be attended by Nick Shontz in Jesse's absence.
 3. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Jane Kelly - Neighborhood Leadership Team training was held recently and eight people attended and another will be held

next week. The Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer Award will be decided at a meeting tomorrow.

4. New Business -Sonoran Institute Study (<http://www.sonoraninstitute.org/about-us/missionandvision.html>) has prepared recommendations and Kim will send it out again and the Leadership Team will discuss it. This may also be a topic for the June BBQ.

Meeting agenda items for next month: Sonoran Institute Study discussion, AJ Russell from the Ospreys, and planning for June BBQ.

5. Public comment on non-agenda items - None
6. Announcements – the next leadership team meeting will be April 22, 2015

Submitted by: Melissa Neidigh

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

VIEW FROM RUSSELL STREET



VIEW FROM PARKING LOT



