

Annual Bus Tour Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 14, 2015

Time: 5:45 – 6:45 PM

Location: The Jack Reidy Conference Room

140 W. Pine St.

Missoula, MT 59802

Committee Members Present: Mike Painter, Jeff Stevens

Others Present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, Corena Maurer,
Neighborhood Assistant and Doug Grimm

*******There was no quorum*******

1. Review Feedback Sheets – it was noted that the majority of the people on the last bus tour were amenable to having the city split into 3 sections for the yearly bus tour.
2. Revisions to the Bus Tour – Mike Painter will draw up a proposal to split the city into 3 sections for the bus tour (1 section per year) and present it at the next bus tour committee meeting.
3. New Business - None
4. Public comment on non-agenda items – None.
5. Announcements – None.

Submitted by: Corena Maurer

Bus Tour Evaluation

Is the Bus Tour a worthwhile endeavor and would you like to have another one next year?

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| 1 | Yes. Great educational opportunity. Also good motivation for neighborhoods to think about new ideas to share. |
| 2 | Yes please. This is my second time and I learned so much about Missoula. Amazing what's in the works! |
| 3 | Yes. Yes. I always learn so much. |
| 4 | Yes. Fun. Some people should have stayed home and played on their cells. I couldn't hear speakers due to this. |
| 5 | What there is to do in the city, I usually head out of town, worth knowing. I'm still a bit new to Missoula so it helped a lot (2.5 years). |
| 6 | Yes! Very useful. |
| 7 | Yes it introduced other neighbors to ones they knew nothing about. |
| 8 | Yes. But new people should go on it - not repeats every year. Just every other year. |
| 9 | Yes, everyone sees something new every time out! |
| 10 | Yes, super informative and fun! |
| 11 | Yes, great info. |
| 12 | I'm only mildly interested in other neighborhoods. |
| 13 | Yes! I think it's worthwhile for everyone to do at least once. I'm not sure I would definitely plan on coming again. |
| 14 | Yes, good to see what's happening/happened around Missoula. |
| 15 | Yes. However, I think doing less neighborhoods each year would allow it to be slightly less rushed. |
| 16 | Yes, it is very nice to learn new things about the community parks, trails, amenities, etc. |
| 17 | It was very educational. |
| 18 | Yes - It was absolutely worth it to learn so many new things and see the other communities in Missoula. |
| 19 | I enjoyed the perspective of residents of each neighborhood! |
| 20 | Yes - continue to feature neighborhoods unique issues and character. |
| 21 | Yes. |
| 22 | Yes. This was fun and informative. |
| 23 | Yes and yes - interesting to see parts of the city I would not normally see. |
| 24 | This is a great idea and seems to run smoothly. |
| 25 | Yes! Lots of great information and suggestions, encouragement for residents to be involved in the city's planning, management process - CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT |
| 26 | Yes! I saw parts of town I have never seen before. |
| 27 | Yes. Yes. Yes. It's a great reminder of what a diverse and vital community Missoula is. |

28	Yes. Provides good overview of unfamiliar areas of town.
29	Absolutely - very good way to understand Missoula.
30	Yes - we tend to stick to our paths and not <u>see</u> all the stuff done in other neighborhoods.
31	YES - worthwhile! It would be great to have different city councilmen/women on every tour. They need to see all this too! I also need to see the south section
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33	Yes and yes. I saw and learned a lot about Missoula in a relatively short amount of time. I would like to learn more about the other neighborhoods as well.
34	Yes.
35	Yup.
36	It is useful but the stops often repeat year to year (been going since 07).
37	Yes - good info and fun to see places where I have not been.
38	I loved the bus tour! I learned about many interesting spots in Missoula I did not know about.
39	Yes. Exploring the city is something we don't do enough of. Having folks stand up and talk about the places they love is <u>AWESOME</u> .

What did you like about the bus tour?

1	Learning about Missoula.
2	Everyone sharing their love of their neighborhood and their hopes for improvement.
3	The first half of the route was very well planned with no lags in time.
4	Fun being driven all over and info regarding all the places I had no clue existed.
5	Architecture, things to do that are lesser known. Northside - knowledge about area, Rattlesnake - outdoor access.
6	Well planned, good stop, good pacing.
7	Heart of Missoula
8	Seeing corners of Missoula I love never seen before.
9	Seeing areas of the city that you may not get to and learning about these areas.
10	Great variety. Comfy bus.
11	Saw many great developments.
12	Information on parks.
13	Learning about the different neighborhoods and projects.
14	Seeing/learning about new and existing projects and sites around town.
15	Seeing lesser known neighborhood gems and learning about issues and successes - projects, etc.
16	See Grant Creek trail, learning about the different neighborhoods.
17	The variety.
18	I enjoyed seeing changes/developments I had heard about and also learning about new projects.
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20	Mural, Community Gardens, PEAS Farm, Alder St., Draught Works :), Pleasant View Development.
21	Informative.
22	I saw parts of neighborhoods I have not seen and learned about them.
23	Explanations of what we were seeing.
24	Liked having local businesses hop on bus and talk about their worlds. Would be great to have more of that.
25	Good choice of sites, great to hear the neighbors.
26	I saw parts of town I have never seen before.
27	The peeks into all the micro-communities around town.
28	Comfort and ease.
29	Getting to know different neighborhoods - the people that live there.
30	Let me know that Missoulians are working to make a great town even better, often using Office of Neighborhoods grant \$.
31	Just the exposure to different parts of town and the exciting things and endearing things going on.
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33	See above, it was very informative. I saw places I hadn't seen before.
34	I learn new things each year.
35	Good information and I didn't have to drive.
36	People taking pride in area.
37	Issues in multiple neighborhoods.
38	The tour was very well organized and informative. I was happy you had explanations of what we were seeing.
39	Listening to Missoulians talk about their favorite places. Seeing and learning about new places.

Length of the Tour	
Too Short	0
Just about Right	28
Too Long	14
Comments	
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2	Food was great, as was the commentary and organization and company. Only downside was the mike.
3	Sorry but after Northside it was just too much info. As wonderful as all the presentations were. I like the in-depth view of each neighborhood.
4	Ask speakers to talk louder, annunciate and slow up.
5	I'm 6'3", legs get tight without movement too long between stops. Very useful hearing others same problems.
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7	Some complained about length of ride.

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9	Extra snacks and drinks
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13	Three hours seems a bit long but it would be hard to do in less time. The food and disembarkment definitely helped the timing feel better.
14	Seems like a while to be on a bus, but there's also a lot to see.
15	Although too many sites could use another stop.
16	The length was fine but getting out a bit more would be nice.
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18	3 hours is a lot, but there was much to see. :)
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20	1.5 - 2 hours max. (I loose interest)
21	People loose interest.
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23	Stops where people got on the bus were too long - need to set a time limit
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27	It flew by.
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29	Second tour for me - no complaints.
30	Perhaps offer it at 1:30 - 5 p.m. so <u>you</u> can avoid the expense of providing meals and <u>we</u> can eat with our families.
31	The tour should last no longer than 2 hours, so splitting into 3 sections would help.
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33	See below.
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37	Good to introduce more controversial issues.
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39	Have speakers wait to speak about a place until the bus get there.

Splitting the City into 3 sections instead of 2	
Yes	23
No	2
No Vote	14
Comments	
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2	Perhaps if it was in three the tour wouldn't have to be as rushed.

3	6 neighborhoods is a lot of info to take in but will be just the right amount.
4	Have no clue what you mean - I'm new to all of this stuff.
5	8 seems like too many, 5-6 seems much more reasonable.
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7	Make tour short.
8	I like covering the city - gets me off the beaten path.
9	Seeing half the city every other year give City Council people who are in office for four years two bus tours for their term.
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11	No opinion.
12	I have no idea.
13	No opinion.
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15	Same time, less neighborhoods with another 15-20 min stop.
16	It would be nice to be able to get off the bus a bit more.
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18	Undecided - there are many interesting changes to learn about (3 years, we might miss something) but Missoula is getting bigger and bigger ...
19	Our community is getting larger and more complex. Share the work load!
20	More and shorter!
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22	Probably.
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24	I would support the opinion of those who have done this often.
25	? Will it cost more money? (con) More people may be able to participate. (pro) Get out more. (pro) Shorter. (pro)
26	You could go more in depth and cut empty time.
27	That way we could get more detail about each section.
28	Not sure either way.
29	?
30	Would be nice to be able to stop the bus when people are talking so they don't fall over!
31	Not sure, as I've only been on 2 tours and both focused on north section, but it would allow more time to focus on projects.
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33	Fewer stations and more in depth presentation would be better.
34	More of an opportunity to go into greater detail.
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37	Would like to hear more details about fewer areas.
38	I will need more info to make an educated comment.
39	Shorter tour and/or more information about the places would be cool.

How can we improve the Bus Tour?

1	Bus Tour bingo! Bullhorn for speaker when we get of for stops.
2	See above: Everyone does such a great job I cant really find fault.
3	Perhaps not bother with sandwiches, but instead have a social part by ending at one of our many breweries, or better, stop at the Ten Spoon Winery for a glass of wine.
4	Wine at the leisure stop or just a taste?
5	I was most impressed with the Northside speaker, she seemed like she was excited to live there, everyone else seemed unenthusiastic in comparison.
6	Very poor sound system - the bus company needs to fix this!
7	Keep moving stops are too long.
8	I like seeing all the new things going on in town. But, you could have <u>theme</u> bus tours - i.e. historical Missoula, with speakers giving history of Missoula talks.
9	Tour and emphasis historical areas of town.
10	Fewer presentations - more in depth stops like PEAS.
11	It was great. Only negative is some speakers were hard to hear. But overall - GREAT.
12	Better P.A. system.
13	Mike training for the speakers beforehand? It was really hard to follow in the beginning when the mike was acting up.
14	Tasting opportunity at Ten Spoon.
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16	Have all handouts ahead of time and added to the map and itinerary.
17	Can't think of anything.
18	More cookies! Just kidding - more water would be nice - fill-er up station at the disembark too?
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20	Themed and sustainability, LEED structures, positive infill.
21	Problem with people visiting instead of listening (especially the City Councilmen). Sound system hard to use.
22	The sound system on the bus.
23	Better sound system.
24	It seemed to be well organized.
25	Great job! No suggestions. Maybe too rushed... Great map.
26	Better microphone set up.
27	It's perfect as is.
28	?
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30	Figure out the PA system so people can face the passengers and answer questions.
31	Make sure folks know at beginning how to use microphone.
32	More cowbell.

33	Sound system should work better. One or two more get off stations maybe.
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36	Shorter - Use bikes where possible.
37	Better microphone, need more Q&A.
38	7:20 at this point the tour has been very organized and ran smoothly. Good job! :)
39	More stops (disembark) it would be nice to get more/deeper info about more places.

Other Comments

1	Bus Stops on back of eval - BAD. Wanna keep.
2	Thanks for everyone for arranging this!
3	The presenters did such a good job - all were knowledgeable and prepared.
4	Tell us clearly where to meet. Some of us were on Burlington Beech School Bus Place. Better Mike system. *Ask people to leave cell phones <u>home</u> . A guy talked on phone the whole time!
5	I'm going to get a map and start exploring roads in the area that look out of the way but go somewhere. I was in (Iowa?) somewhere in the Midwest and one of the towns had concrete painted pigs that you could go on a pay for tour to see. We have traffic boxes.
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12	Driver was amazing.
13	A handout of brief synopsis of all stops and pictures (it was hard to see some things if sitting on the opposite side of the bus.)
14	Thanks for organizing this and letting me join.
15	Put time commitment on route info sheet. Using a Likert scale for some of these questions on this eval would make it easier to assess.
16	Remind people that when they have conversations it is hard to hear presenters.
17	None.
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19	Repeat the questions before answering them.
20	"What's New - What's Old in the Hood?" What have we not seen?
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22	Well done by the presenters.
23	Need bus to actually pause at the designated site so people on both sides of bus can see clearly.

24	Best part is to see so many wonderful people engaged in the building of the community.
25	Dinner was great!
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27	Thanks so much for doing this (and for the great weather!)
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29	I'm busy ... but this tour is a priority.
30	Thanks Jane and committee!
31	Many thanks to the plan committee. Great agenda this year.
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33	Bus tour is a great idea, please continue.
34	Thank you. Very worthwhile.
35	I appreciate everyone who worked to make the tour possible. Thank you all.
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37	Might include more policy folks from the city/county/UM to provide more details.
38	I enjoyed the tour very much and look forward to meeting and getting to know the people involved. Thank you.
39	Thanks for doing this. I learned a lot and discovered some new things. Great food and cool to get to know other neighborhood leaders.