



Rose Park Neighborhood Council – Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2015 (Thursday) – 5:30 pm – Café Dolce (500 Brooks)

In Attendance: Gwen Jones (RPNC LT), John Pilsworth (RPNC LT), Clare Wood (RPNC LT), Julie Devlin (RPNC LT), Michael Painter (RPNC LT), Jane Kelly (Office of Neighborhoods), Ben Weiss (Bicycle / Pedestrian Program Manager).

The meeting was called to order & those in attendance introduced themselves.

Neighborhood Greenways – Ben Weiss discussed the community's interest in & need for developing identified greenways for bicyclists & pedestrians (off of high-traffic / higher speed limit arterials). Ben also explained the process for evaluating greenways & gave examples of current greenways in use or in development. Missoula's Neighborhood Councils are encouraged to explore possible greenways in their respective neighborhoods and provide input to Ben on their recommendations.

May LT Meeting Minutes - Minutes from the last RPNC LT Meeting (May.21.2015) were approved.

Ivy Street Community Garden – The Garden City Harvest community garden opened this summer & by all accounts was a great success and a lovely addition to the neighborhood. Gwen noted that a picnic table & mosaic art for the tool shed (created by the Willard School students) were still to be added.

Rose Park Neighborhood Grant Proposals – Julie had expressed interest in the neighborhood working to add additional trees to the Willard School park area. Julie & Painter will meet with Willard School Principal Jane Bennett (and, as appropriate, MCPS facilities representatives) to ask for their input & support for such a project.

Rose Park Neighborhood Council General Meeting - The Leadership Team worked to develop an agenda for September's RPNC general meeting (scheduled to take place at Washington Middle School). Pizza will be served @ 6:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow beginning at 6:30 p.m.. After introductions of the current leadership team, city council candidates & current city council representatives, Jane will be asked to make a report on the work of the Office of Neighborhoods.

Scheduled presenters (10-15 minutes) will be

- Representative(s) from Missoula County Public Schools outlining the upcoming bond issue request,
- Representative(s) from the Missoula County Elections Office seeking citizen input on improvements to Missoula's election process(es).

Additional information will also be made available (via announcement, handout(s) &/or tabling as appropriate) regarding:

- Urban Forest / Neighborhood Tree Committee (Chris Boza, Urban Forester / Parks & Rec)
- Missoula Community Wildlife Habitat Initiative (Sara Bates, National Wildlife Federation)
- Missoula Greenways (Ben Weiss, Bicycle / Pedestrian Program Coordinator)
- Clark Fork Native Prairie (John Pierce)

Leadership Team elections will be held following the presentations.

Candidates for Missoula City Council (Ward 3 & Ward 4) will be invited to introduce themselves – but campaigning is not appropriate during neighborhood council meetings. (Note: There is a candidate forum scheduled for October 1st @ 6:30 p.m. at Paxson School.)

Current City Council representatives will be invited to attend & given opportunity to answer questions posed by neighborhood council members attending.

Public comment on non-agenda items will be the last item on the agenda.

Community Forum Report – Clare & Painter gave brief reports on the June & July Community Forum meetings:

- June's CF presentations included Loran Frazer (with WGM Group) giving an update on the Russell Street Project (new bridge & lane configurations) & Craig Aasved reporting on St. Patrick's Hospital's upgrades (demolition of old Safeway store & construction of new medical offices).
- July's CF presentations included Shane Stack (with the Montana State Department of Transportation) reporting on plans to construct roundabouts at the Orange Street & Van Buren Street Interstate 90 interchanges & Nancy Harte (with Missoula County's Department of Grants & Programs) discussing the definition & details of Brownfields in the community.

Office Of Neighborhoods Report – Jane updated the leadership team on the status of the upcoming candidate forum (Oct. 1st, 6:30 p.m. @ Paxson School) for Ward 3 & Ward 4 city council candidates. Ballots are scheduled to be mailed out in early October.

New Business - None.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – None.

Minutes submitted by Painter 08/27/15.