

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: June 6, 2018 Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Lewis and Clark Village Community Room 3000 S Higgins Ave. Missoula, MT 59802

Present: Team Members: Dave Westfall, Colleen Biehl, Jerry Dillinger, Terry Connors, Kathleen Hanson
Neighborhood Residents: Pat Collins, Jeff Lamson
Ben Wiess, City Bike and Pedestrian Manager, Jane Kelly, Office of the Neighborhoods

1. The May 2, 2018 leadership team meeting minutes were approved.

2. **Calming District Update** - Ben Weiss gave additional information on the counts for the calming the Calming District discussion on the circles, crosswalks and street signage. Crosswalks need at least 15 people crossing daily to warrant the striping, not enough traffic to warrant new crosswalks. There are several crosswalks on Bancroft near Sentinel High School and Splash Montana. The crosswalks on SW Higgins at Agnes Street and South Ave, as well. Reminding families of current crosswalks would be good. South Avenue has a crosswalk on Queen. Mountain Bus Lines will be changing the bus stop to be in front of Drum Brothers Coffee, which will help with visibility of the crosswalk. Because of the low crash numbers with injuries no additional signage will be warranted.

With people being still interested in the calming circles, Dave Westfall made a motion that the neighborhood Leadership Team pursue the next steps in determining the formal procedure for the calming district. Jerry Dillinger seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Dave with the help of Ben Weiss will begin working on the forms and preparing for the next steps, which is to gather signatures from the residents, can be renters and homeowners. This can be done at the general meeting and if more are needed, a door to door campaign for the 100 signatures required. City engineers will look at the area to establish the exact cost per circle. There are many ways for people to pay, 1 year to 20 years.

3. **Bancroft Ponds Park** update – Dave Westfall will have the newest version of the Ponds' working document available on Monday June 11 to be posted in the neighborhood's online information. Lots of information has been added concerning the environment and management of the pond.

Colleen reminded the team that she will be attending the large grant (\$3000.00), information class in September and the committee may want to discern what project(s) they would like to be funded. Outdoor classroom and the kiosk were mentioned. Besides the Missoula Neighborhood's grants there are numerous other ways to help fund the park. Pat Collins suggested New Fields, besides the Clark Fork Coalition and the Wild Life Federation for matching funds or grants.

Colleen asked Jane to check with United Way concerning their Volunteer Day to see if they could come to the Pond to help with Spring Clean-up from 1-4pm on Friday, June 22.

4. Plan for September general meeting

Meeting planned for Wednesday, September 19 from 6-8pm at Playfair Park

Refreshments – Terry Connors, Pat Collins and Andrew Coe, Jane to send purchasing information.

Invitations – Kathleen to work with current template from Karen

Moderator – Dave

Presenters – Ben Weiss, Calming District, Morgan Valliant, Parks Manager, City Council Reps

Invite New Fields Company, others? Lily, Naomi, Schools

Need team members?

Sandwich Signs – Dave

Set up – 5:00 All

Clean up – All

5. **Bylaws**-Review and approve proposed bylaws (current bylaws) - Were tabled till next meeting

6. **Community Forum Report**—Colleen Biehl talked about the new bike system that the city is looking at. The company that owns the bikes will run and manage the bikes, the \$1 rental on phone app with GPS to keep track of the bikes. The bikes can be ridden outside of the city, say to Hamilton on the bike trail. Orange and Lime are being looked at.

7. **Office of Neighborhoods**-Jane Kelly reminded the neighborhood that the Neighborhood Watch Meeting is Tuesday, June 12 5:30-6:30 pm at the City Council Chambers, 130 W. Pine St.

8. **Public Comment** – Pat Collins noted that a fox with 3 kits is living in the S Hills near neighborhood. May be feasting in the duck families.

9. Next meeting is Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 4pm.

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