

Riverfront Neighborhood Council  
Stadium Task Force Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2019

The initial meeting of the Stadium Task Force was called to order by Chairman Jon Van Dyke at 6:00 at the Dog & Bicycle Café, 875 Wyoming Street.

All task force members were present and introduced themselves to each other with brief biographical information. Members are Don Schriefer, Jennifer Anthony, Dale McCormick, and Sherry McLauchlan; each member lives in a different area of the neighborhood. Ed Wetherbee, developer of the Old Sawmill District, attended as a member of the public, and Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, represented the City. Sherry McLauchlan was elected to be the secretary.

The task force is an ad hoc advisory committee to the Riverfront Neighborhood Council Leadership Team and operates under the bylaws of the Council and is subject to open door laws under City and State statutes. The minutes of the August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, meeting of the leadership team outline the responsibilities and procedures of the Task Force to address traffic, parking, noise, and other issues as they arise (such as trash) with respect to events at Ogren Park. The Task Force is to meet as least quarterly or as needed and a quorum of 3 is required to do business. Initially the Task Force will meet on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at this location. Recommendations for action are to be made to the Leadership Team, and press releases must also be approved by the City.

Dale McCormick provided some history of the regulation of “extraordinary use” events at the Stadium, and there were questions about the provisions of the current contracts. Ed Wetherbee pointed out that the Osprey team had recently been sold to a new owner from Seattle and is no longer operated by Mountain Baseball. Matt Ellis, who has been with the team in the past, is listed as the Executive Vice President on the website. The City entered into a separate agreement this summer with Nick Checota of Logjam Presents, which limits the number of entertainment events to 8 per year. Logjam Presents operates other venues in Missoula and has promised the same management principles will apply to this venue as the other sites. Jane Kelly will supply copies of the relevant agreements to task force members.

Members discussed how to make sure the Task Force receives comments and complaints about the operations at the Park and agreed on the following:

- (1) Don Schriefer will draft a letter (or letters) to relevant City/County departments and staff (Mayor, Council, Parks, Police, Fire, etc.) explaining the Task Force and providing a single contact for comments and complaints. The draft will be reviewed and signed by Jon, and Jane will put on letterhead and distribute
- (2) The Leadership Team will be asked to hold a special general neighborhood meeting (with postcard notice to all residents) just on the topic of the summer schedule for Ogren Park – both baseball and entertainment, how parking, etc., will be handled and where comments

and complaints should be directed. Representatives of Logjam and the Osprey and relevant City departments will be invited to attend and/or make presentations

These steps should take place in April or May before the “season” begins but after plans are reasonably firm.

Members also discussed the need for a 4 way stop at California and Wyoming, the schedule for adding a stoplight at Orange and Wyoming, and the possibility and problems related to additional parking on the grassy field on the north side of Wyoming, the existing parking areas at McCormick Park, and remote parking areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.