

Riverfront Neighborhood Council
Stadium Task Force Minutes
May 6, 2019

The meeting of May 6, 2019, was called to order by Chairman Jon Van Dyke at 6:05 pm at the Dog & Bicycle Café, 875 Wyoming Street. All members were present, and Jane Kelly, City of Missoula Neighborhood Coordinator, and Matt Ellis, Missoula Osprey Vice President, also attended. The minutes of the meeting of April 1, 2019 were approved as posted.

Matt Ellis indicated that although the Osprey team has been sold to Peter Davis and the contract with the City revised, many improvements are taking place and general operating procedures will remain pretty much the same. They are committed to working with Logjam and the neighborhood to resolve any concerns that arise, as they have in the past. There are 38 home games.

Parking continues to be a focus of attention. The parking lot at the field and on the street seems adequate most of the time. There is now a ticket holder database so that fans can be notified of parking options, shuttles are expected to be used for employees and fans on high demand occasions, and bikes will be encouraged. July 3rd is a special problem because many come just for the fireworks and are not regulars. There are two other nights for fireworks – June 22nd and August 3rd. Sherry McLauchlan suggested that the Parks Department be asked by the Neighborhood Council to share the parking at McCormick as requested in the past by Ellis, and it was agreed to ask the Leadership Team to discuss this at their next meeting.

Traffic is also an issue. Dale McCormick suggested that the City be asked to take down the metal signs on Hickory that say the road is closed ahead, since the provision that required that has been removed and the circumstances that required it have changed. Jane Kelly will follow up on that. There were concerns about the problems for the neighborhood and Osprey fans created by the construction on Cregg Lane. The completion date was scheduled for June, but Jane will check.

There were questions about noise, especially during the “peanut” inning. The sound system used by the Osprey will not change, but there may be more emphasis on the new better video capability.

Ellis and Checota are both expected to be available to answer questions at the Riverfront General meeting on May 16th. Jon will explain the role of the Stadium Task Force and emphasize the email site to gather feedback.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.