



## **Rose Park Neighborhood Council – General Meeting Minutes**

September 8th, 2019 (Sunday) – Rose Park – Ice Cream Social @ 5:00 pm; General Meeting @ 5:30 pm

Presenters / Leadership Team Members In Attendance: Jane Kelly (Office Of Neighborhoods), Gwen Jones & Heather Harp (Ward 3 City Council Representatives), Rob Watson, Julie Robitaille & Jana Edward (Missoula County Public Schools), Roula Agne, Julie Devlin, Katie LaPointe, Elizabeth Williams, Clare Wood, Michael Painter (RPNC LT).

RPNC LT Co-Chair Katie LaPointe called the general to order at 5:00 p.m. with approximately 60 people present and introduced the members of the Leadership Team and presenters.

**History of Neighborhood Councils** - Jane Kelly described the history & purpose of the neighborhood councils encouraged those in attendance to consider joining the Leadership Team or otherwise supporting neighborhood projects.

**Missoula County Public Schools** – Rob Watson (Superintendent), Julie Robitaille (Executive Director) & Jana Edward (Paxson Elementary School Principal) introduced themselves to the Rose Park residents in attendance and gave a report on MCPS Bond issue work and other MCPS projects in progress.

**Slant Street Gateway** – Painter gave a report on recent information received from the City of Missoula regarding the feasibility of housing going in at the SSG. Painter also requested anyone interested in assisting with development of a plan for the area please contact the Office of Neighborhoods, as it will be the LT's intent to form a committee toward that end.

**Rose Memorial Park 'Adopt-A-Bed'** – Painter discussed ways Rose Park residents (and any others interested) can support the efforts of Parks & Rec and the Missoula Rose Society in maintaining the rose beds at Rose Memorial Park. Information on those programs is available in brochures at Parks & Rec and also on their website.

**Rose Park Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Elections** – Jane Kelly noted the current status of the RPNC Leadership Team - members Roula Agne, Katie LaPointe & Margaret Mallino were not able to continue on the Leadership Team. Current LT members continuing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their 2-year term include Julie Devlin, Tate Jones, Mike Painter & Clare Wood. Jane asked for volunteers from the neighborhood interesting in serving – elected by acclamation were new members Casey Erickson, Joe Ford, Carol Gordon & Tony Rollin.

**City Council Representatives Q & A** – City Council Ward 3 representatives Gwen Jones & Heather Harp reported on the city budget, other current City Council projects & answered questions from those in attendance. Casey Erickson also reported on the recently-concluded Local Government Citizen's Academy – and noted that sessions of same were available to view on Missoula Community Access Television.

**Current Neighborhood Project Discussion** – Painter noted two other recent / ongoing neighborhood council projects:

- Parks & Rec obtained a grant from KaBOOM! to fund most of the costs of a playground rebuild at Rose Park. RPNC thanks Parks & Rec, KaBOOM!, the major corporate sponsor Blue Cross / Blue Shield and the numerous community members & groups who assisted with that playground improvement.

- Rose Park NC's Leadership Team asked for the neighborhood residents to support St. Joseph's Elementary in enforcing the hours-of-use restrictions and no-dogs rule to enable the school to keep their grounds open for public use outside of the schools' hours and extracurricular use.

Residents with other projects they would like to bring to the Neighborhood Council were asked to contact the Office of Neighborhoods and/or the Leadership Team.

The Rose Park Neighborhood Council, RPNC Leadership Team & Office of Neighborhoods would also like thank Roula Agne, Katie LaPointe, Margaret Mallino & Elizabeth Williams for their work in supporting the neighborhood, their time & their enthusiasm for our community.

**Additional Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – Candidates for City Council Ward 4 representatives Amber Sherrill & Alan Ault introduced themselves to those in attendance.

**Next Meeting – Regular Leadership Team Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, September 25th at 5:00 p.m. at the Missoula Senior Center (705 S. Higgins).**

Minutes submitted by Painter Sep.25.2019.