

Rose Park Neighborhood Council – Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2021 (Wednesday) – 5:00 pm – via Zoom (Office of Neighborhoods)

Leadership Team Members in Attendance: Casey Erickson, Joe Ford, Carol Gordon, Tony Rollin, Clare Wood, Michael Painter. Others in Attendance: Kelly Elam (Missoula Neighborhoods).

Chair Casey Erickson called meeting to order. Introductions and welcome.

Minutes of Dec.16.2020 Rose Park NC LT Meeting via ZOOM – Approved.

Update / Discussion on Neighborhood Projects

- **Rose Park Portalet Enclosure** – Painter reported that the “portalet” enclosure had been completed, though no Port-A-Potty was in place at present. Painter took a picture:



- **Slant Street Gateway** – Carol (a Master Gardener herownself) had forwarded information from the Missoula County Extension Office on a grant available for developing food plots to grow food for donation to food banks. Painter will attend a ZOOM meeting scheduled for Sunday, Jan.31st to discuss the project (“Growing Together Montana”) and requirements for the grant. Any other LT members or other interested parties are invited to attend – Painter will forward ZOOM information to the LT on Sunday and follow up next week with a report on the Extension Office ZOOM meeting. In the event the Leadership Team feels it appropriate to submit a grant application, we may need to schedule & notice a special meeting to approve same.

Community Forum Report - Tony represented Rose Park at the recent Community Forum ZOOM meeting (Jan.21) and reported on discussion items:

- **Neighborhood Grants** – There will be a new time frame for Neighborhood Grant applications, selections & awards. Small grants (up to \$500) may be eliminated, of making more money available for large grants. The Office of Neighborhoods is developing a grant committee for the current year – any interested LT members should contact Colin or Kelly.
- **Neighborhood Council Strategic Assessment Project** – A consultant was contracted with to do a survey and assessment of the neighborhood council’s effectiveness and policies /

processes. There was no vote at this month's meeting to adapt / adopt the report or recommendations, but Colin indicated his intent to have on at the Mar.25 Community Forum meeting. The Office of Neighborhoods is interested in forming a committee of neighborhood council / leadership team representatives to meet regularly (every 2 weeks) to move the process forward. Those meetings will be via ZOOM and may comprise different sub-committees. LT members present all agreed to serve as their time & availability allow. Additional communication regarding the structure & schedule for that committee/committees will be forthcoming from the Office of Neighborhoods.

- **City Council Liaison** – Heidi West noted for the Community Forum representatives that the City of Missoula's Lobbyist files regular lobbyist reports on bills that are being tracked. Those reports and information on the bills can be viewed via the City's website at: <https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/1057/Missoula-in-Session>

Office Of Neighborhoods Report – Kelly had no additional information from the Office of Neighborhoods – the office will be sending out information regarding the Neighborhood Grants and follow-up on the Strategic Assessment Project.

Public Comment / Announcements – There was no additional public comment or announcements made.

Next Meeting – The next Rose Park Neighborhood Council Leadership Team meeting is tentatively scheduled as another Zoom conference on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by Painter Jan.31.2021.