

December 2, 2008

General Meeting Minutes: Rose Park Neighborhood Council

Rose Park Leadership Team members present:

Diana Garrett (moderator)

Nancy McCourt

Annette Puttkammer

Attendance estimate - 25

Announcements:

1. Helen Atow project with moths and pheromones at Benson's Farm – call the plant clinic if have any apple or pear trees to include in the project. 258-4213
2. Sidewalk project – handout of the plan was given out which showed a map with the various phases of the project.
3. City of Missoula Traffic Services employee spoke briefly about his concerns – He encourages citizens to become involved and be aware of how the city spends its budget and how it can save money. He gave examples of how his department saved money by researching options and spending smarter – without any loss in jobs or quality of services. He is also concerned about his perception of the lack of cooperation among council members and staff to work together to solve budget problems.

Agenda

1. Rose Park trivia game was very well received and people enjoyed talking amongst themselves.
2. Linda Smith gave a brief update about the roundabout at Hill/Beckwith. The bid for the project should be completed in April 2009, with construction starting in June with expected completion in the fall.
3. Marta Meengs gave an update on the Russell & 3rd project. 1,100 signatures were collected for a petition requesting consideration of an alternative plan that would be more community friendly.
4. Marta Meengs also noted that there has been considerable progress recently on cleaning up the Triangle Park area.
5. Nancy McCourt gave an update on the Rose Memorial Park Master Plan. The Master Plan was approved by City Council in July 2008. The entire plan is available on-line. No funds exist to carry out the plan at this time.
6. Nancy also noted that volunteers are needed to serve on the steering committee for the firefighter tribute that will be added to the memorial park. Nancy serves on this committee and interested people can contact her directly.
7. Roger Millar updated us about the Downtown Plan. The plan was presented for the fourth time. The entire plan is available on-line. Some of the main points of the plan call for rebuilding Higgins, a larger Macy's, a Main Street project, converting Main and Front to two-way streets, and a new hotel.
8. Tom Z??? with OPG gave a presentation summarizing the process the city went through to review its current ordinance (zoning and subdivision regulations), and some of the main recommendations the consultant gave.