

Riverfront Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting

Minutes: Jan. 10, 2013, 7-8 p.m.

Bernice's Bakery
190 S 3rd St. West
Missoula, MT 59802

Present: Caleb Kasper, Mary LaPorte, Doug Haws-Davis, Gwen Hoppe

Transportation : Last winter several Riverfront Neighborhood Council general meetings were held and the issue of traffic on 4th, 5th and 6th Street was discussed. One of the solutions was a proposal to turn 5th and 6th Street from Higgins to Russell from double one way lanes to single lanes with bicycle lanes. In the June general meeting the council voted to support a request for City Planning to conduct computer modeling of the single lane proposal. At the November general meeting, the results of the modeling were presented to the group. The single lane proposal was presented to the Long Range Transportation Planning Committee but was not accepted for the Long Range Transportation Plan for federal funding or for the recommended list. **It is on the "illustrative" list.** The Riverfront NC Leadership Team would like to encourage the study and implementation of traffic changes that will improve the safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, automobile users and livability in the neighborhood. The Leadership Team will draft a letter to the Transportation committee to urge City Offices and City Council representatives to keep Fifth and Sixth street traffic solutions on the front burner.

Questions: What steps, processes, and costs would be involved with 5th, 6th one lane change? What processes, timelines, offices and personnel are involved with making traffic changes in general?

Community Forum: Mary LaPorte volunteered to be the main Community Forum representative and endorsed by all present. Doug, Caleb, and Gwen agreed to be alternates.

Next General Meeting: A tentative date of Tuesday, March 19, 2013 from 5:00-6:30 at Montana Natural History Center, if it is available. On the agenda will be meeting new city employees in public works, Bicycle-Ped office and others involved with the new city/county reorganization. For the meeting: Minutes: Mary, Moderator: Caleb, Sign in Doug, Flyer designer: Caleb, Food and beverage order: Gwen will order pizza and beverages, and arrange for flyer deliver.

Grants : Caleb is interested in applying for a Large Project Grant to get a grant to improve sidewalk to railroad track transition for 5th and 6th. Street.

Public Comment: No public comments were offered.

Adjourned: