

Riverfront Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 19, 2014, 5:30 - 6:20 pm

Location: Bernice's Bakery

190 S. 3rd St. W.

Missoula, MT 59801

Facilitator: Jonathan Qualben

Attending: Jonathan Qualben, Emily Sullivan, Mary LaPorte; Jane Kelly & Shelby Wheeler, (Office of Neighborhoods); Guests: Gwen Hoppe, Doug Olson, Stephanie Frostad

I. Appointment of Emily Sullivan, Interim Member of Leadership Team

- Emily Sullivan, 344 S. 4th St. W., Missoula, attended our recent General Meeting and expressed interest in the Leadership Team (LT). We appointed Emily to serve as an Interim member of the LT. She will be formally nominated to the LT at the next General Meeting.

II. Neighborhood Mural: Review & Approval of Design

- Gwen Hoppe reviewed the history of the project, including the role of the Willard Alternative High School Students, and Nutritional Labs, the private partner in the project.

- Stephanie, the artist contracted for the project presented the design. It features vibrant native plants, includes input from the students, and palette of 18 pre mixed colors. The theme includes rejuvenation of flora following a fire as well as thriving.

- Jonathan asked about including an identifying key of the plants.

- Other notes on the plan: up to 60 students have been involved; the core class includes 12 students. The design is inclusive in order to accommodate lots of people in the production, a range of skills, and the time required.

- Jonathan made the Following Motion: ***The Riverfront Neighborhood Council Leadership Team approves the design of the neighborhood mural.*** Mary seconded the motion.

- Discussion: A suggestion of including names of the students was made, and the pros and cons of the idea were discussed. Upon the advice of Doug (member of the Public Art Committee), it was agreed that we would wait until the mural is complete before working for the needed approvals for this addition.

- The motion passed unanimously.

III. Review of May 6 General Meeting

Mary summarized the agenda items discussed. Several new neighborhood issues were raised during the public comment:

- Site of the former Pro Build Complex

- Higgins Street Bridge

- Advocating for a dog park at Silver Park

- Gwen expressed her interest in maintaining the cut-off of 2nd street. She also reported that there is an interested development party. This person expressed a vision

of a teen center and other community components. Discussion of the role the RFNC can play in the positive development of the approximately 4 acre site followed.

- It was agreed that Gwen and Mary, along with Jane, will schedule a meeting with the appropriate staff person in Development Services in order to learn more about procedures for neighborhood input, status of any existing plans, etc. It is hoped that the meeting can be scheduled before the next LT meeting set for June 9.
- Shelby noted that she posted information about the Higgins Street Bridge on the City Digest site. <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/missoulabridges/>

IV. Tentative Agenda for the RFNC LT Meeting, June 9, 5:30 pm, Bernice's Bakery

- Report on Meeting regarding ProBuild Site
- Update on 5th/6th Traffic Calming Project
- Mural Update
- Determination of date & agenda for next General Meeting

Meeting Adjourned, 6:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Mary LaPorte