

Rose Park Neighborhood Council

Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

RPNC LT Meeting - June 18, 2014 - 4:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Gwen Jones (RPNC LT), Clare Wood (RPNC LT), Jon Pilsworth (RPNC LT), Michael Painter (RPNC LT), Brian Jenkins (RPNC), Derek Smith (RPNC), Gwen Hoppe (Riverfront NC).

Others In Attendance: Shelby Wheeler (Volunteer Coordinator, Office of Neighborhoods), Ben Weiss (Program Manager, Bicycle/Pedestrian Office, City of Missoula), Genevieve Jessop Marsh (Community Outreach Director, Garden City Harvest), Jessica Morris (Transportation Division Manager, City of Missoula)

A meeting of the Rose Park Neighborhood Council Leadership Team was held on Wednesday, June 18th, at Caffè Dolce, starting at shortly after 4:30 p.m..

All those in attendance introduced themselves.

Bancroft Bike Lanes

Ben Weiss presented the City of Missoula Public Works' plan for adding bike lanes to Bancroft, from Brooks to South Avenue.

Bancroft is due to have chip seal work done this summer (tentatively scheduled for late July or early August) and as part of the City's ongoing efforts to provide safe streets for bike travel plans to add bike lanes to both sides of the street. This work would result in removing parking on the west side of Bancroft (between Burlington & South Avenue) & the adding of "sharrows" to Burlington where it diverts on to Brooks.

The change has been endorsed by the Bike-Pedestrian Advisory Board and approved by City Council. Since the change involves loss of parking along one side of Bancroft, the Bike-Pedestrian Office will be making effort to contact all residents & businesses along Bancroft to notify them of the upcoming change.

It was suggested that Public Works might try a "mock-up" of the new configuration prior to painting the new lanes & discuss with MCPS (particularly the admin staff @ Washington Middle School) (a) how the loss of parking on Bancroft might affect the pick-up / drop-off of students, and (b) whether other parking configurations in the area (Lions Park, along W Central) might add more parking for those making after-hours use of the school gym.

Sunset Memorial Park Trees

Brian & Helen Jenkins, who live right next door to Sunset Memorial Park's lacrosse field, have submitted an application for a Neighborhood Small Project Grant to help defray the cost of putting in trees along the Ash Street fence line to serve as green shield for activities taking place in the park.

Brian gave a brief history of the use of the park and their request that RPNC support their grant application.

Shelby will contact Parks & Recreation asking for comment and support. RPNC LT voted unanimously to support the Jenkins' grant application & will make effort to elicit additional support & assistance from other Rose Park Neighborhood Council residents.

Community Garden - "Triangle Park" (Ivy & Marshall)

Derek Smith, Rose Park NC resident who lives adjacent to the city-owned triangle of land where Franklin

intersects with Ivy & Marshall, has been working to build support for converting that property into a community garden. (That location, per Genevieve Jessop Marsh with Garden City Harvest, had been identified in 2010 as a good candidate for a community garden.)

Derek has surveyed the residents in the area and found a vast majority (24 of the 25 neighbors he contacted) support the idea of a community garden there and that several would also be interested in gardening there. Genevieve discussed the benefits to the community of Garden City Harvest's Community Gardens & answered questions about the process of putting in a garden.

It was suggested that a Neighborhood Large Project Grant Application be submitted for the project this fall & that MCPS (specifically the administration of Willard School) be contacted to see if they might be willing to support the garden as a school project.

Derek agreed to serve as project coordinator, asked for RPNC LT's support for the project and assistance in applying for a grant, which was agreed to. Gwen Hoppe (Riverfront NC) also offered assistance in completing a grant application for the project.

New Business

St. Joseph's School Playground

Gwen Jones (who was instrumental in assisting St. Joseph's with putting in some "Pet Clean-Up" stations on their playground to mitigate the animal waste problems caused by some pet owners) reported that St. Joseph's has closed their playground temporarily to effect hydro-seeding of the grass field. The administration of St. Joseph's expected the project to resuscitate the field to take about 5 weeks - with the playground to reopen in August.

Gwen also reported that St. Joseph's expressed appreciation for the efforts of their neighbors in doing a better job in cleaning up after their pets.

4th - 5th Street Lane Reconfiguration

Gwen Hoppe reported that Riverfront Neighborhood Council was planning on bringing their NC's proposal to reconfigure the traffic & bike lanes on S 4th St & S 5th St back to City Council & wanted Rose Park NC to know that Riverfront may be seeking support (as Rose Park NC abuts the area as well).

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.