

Riverfront Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting

October 6, **2014**

Meeting Minutes

Bernice's Bakery

190 S 3rd W

Missoula, MT 59802

Attending: Jonathan Qualben, Judy Holbrook, Emily Sullivan, Caleb Kasper, Mary LaPorte, Jane Kelly

I. 5th/6th Street Traffic Calming

Caleb reported that the subcommittee will be meeting within the next couple of weeks. Interest continues in this issue, and there has been some casual discussion with the City. The current approach is to see what the City can do, rather than development of subcommittee-specific recommendations. It is hoped that some recommendations/consensus can be developed by March 2015.

When the subcommittee meets, a history and timeline regarding 5th/6th street will be included. MDT should also be included in this process. The RFNC minutes, available on the City's website, are another source of background information.

II. South 1st Street West Sidewalk Improvement

Although there were no members of the subcommittee present here, a general discussion included the following:

- The Bike/Ped Advisory Committee is in consensus that that section of street doesn't need a dedicated bike lane - widening the street for 2 6 ft. bike lanes is not worth the investment. California Street is another matter.

- RFNC formed a subcommittee at the last general council meeting because there is sufficient resident concern, primarily about irregular parking and related safety issues

- Loyola High School should be part of this discussion, in terms of encouraging use of their designated parking lot

- What are the respective roles of MRA, development services?

- The impact of the development of the HIVE project should be considered

- Assuming Ben Weiss is the liaison to the subcommittee, he should contact MRA, Loyola, and other related parties.

- Jane offered to help sort out the various roles/authority of the City's departments, and send the information to the Leadership Team

III. Planning for Upcoming Meetings

General Meeting: January 26, 2015

Leadership Team Meeting Dates:

November 10 (Mary agenda, Caleb notes)

December 8 (tentative, confirm in November)

January 12

Community Forum, October 23: Caleb will attend - note voting on neighborhood grants

IV. Non Agenda Items

- Jonathan will be attending City Council on October 20 to report on the activities of RFNC. His focus will be to thank all of the the city staff and elected officials who have supported this council in the past year.

- Gwen has been seeking information about a dog park at Silver Park. She will follow up with Donna Gaukler, Director, Parks & Recreation.

- Bulb Out on Cregg Street, just before the railroad bridge, at Hickory street: Judy raised this topic, noting that it is hazardous - the street narrows here, the bike lane disappears. Others agreed that is a problem intersection. Jane will contact City Engineering, at least to here the background and rationale for this design.

- Disco Blood Bath Event at HIVE : Jane shared a copy of a letter from the City Attorney, sent to the promoter and owners of the development, denying a permit for the event.

Meeting adjourned, 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Mary LaPorte
October 9, 2014