

Northside-Westside Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: September 22, 2015

Time: 6:00- 7:40pm

Location: Burns St. Commons,
1500 Burns St.,
Missoula, MT 59802

Leadership Team Members Present: Ann Quirk, Kali Becher, Heidi West, Chris Jackson, Andi Hoelzel, and Terri Roberts

Others Present: Jack Rowan, Bill Pfeiffer, Jack Stuckey, Bob Oaks, Syris Trahan, Env Science Specialist, Moriah Bucy, State Superfund Supervisor, Jeremy Keene, WGM Group, Bryan Douglass, DEQ attorney, Martin Kidston, Mayor John Engen, Dale Bicknell, Brian Bessette, Lowell Elementary Principal, Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, Bryan von Lossberg, City Council Member

Called to Order at 6:00pm

1. White Pine Sash Presentation (Department of Environmental Quality), DEQ team including Syris Trahan who heads the White Pine Sash clean-up, Moriah Bucy (state superfund supervisor) and a DEQ attorney
Trahan presented first due to the drive back to Helena. Trahan walked through a brief history of the sites (the main industrial site and the 1028 ½ Stoddard St. residential site) and the clean-up plan to date, then described next steps to the project. Huttig Building Products, the responsible party for cleanup, has drafted their remedial action plan which will be published this month and available at the public library, Mansfield Library and with Jon Harvala at City County Health Dept (as are all big documents published by the DEQ). There were questions regarding the length of time the project will entail, what it would take to bring the industrial property up to residential (not simply industrial) standards, the chemicals Huttig plans to use in the cleanup, what public outreach and signage could be expected when excavation and remediation begins, and when bench testing would begin. Excavation and soil clean-up on the industrial property will probably take 4 ½ -5 years depending on what they find; they will begin working in spring of 2016.
2. Missoula County Public School Bonds Presentation, Brian Bessette, Lowell School Principal
Bessette described how Lowell School will be impacted by passage of the Elementary School Bond on the November 2015 ballot. In short, Lowell and Franklin Elementary Schools will be the first elementary schools that go under construction as soon as school lets out in June 2016 and conclude before the 2017-2018 school year. Students will likely attend the 2016-2017 school year at Mt. Jumbo but that detail has not yet been finalized. Lowell will have three public meetings to share initial architectural models for the renovation from 6-7pm on Oct. 1st, 8th and 22nd.
3. North Reserve/Scott Street Urban Renewal Master Plan, Jeremy Keene, WGM Group
Keene presented on the process for drafting the Master Plan for Missoula's new Urban Renewal District (located between I-90, the tracks, Scott St. and N. Reserve). There will be a public workshop on Oct. 14th (location TBA). Essentially the process includes understanding what's there, land use and transitions, zoning, and design standards. There will be focus groups this fall including one with our neighborhoods, as well as a January workshop at which initial concepts will be presented. The final plan will be published in spring 2016. Questions related to the easements around the Pipeline that runs through this URD, transportation including possible

interstate access, and safe pedestrian access to the North Hills.

4. Community Forum Report, Heidi West

West and Kelly presented on last Community Forum highlights including:

1st Candidates Forum (for Ward 1) was successful and available to view on MCAT video on demand;

Michelle Cares gave a presentation on the 5 year Strategic Planning process for the Community Forums and Neighborhood Councils (2016-2021)

5. Office of Neighborhoods Report, Jane Kelly

Large Grants are due Oct. 6, 2015 to be awarded in December 2015.

6. Public comment on non-agenda items

Clarified officers: Jackson is secretary (Roberts will be alternate when need-be); Quirk is Community Forum Alternate; Gallant is co-chair though Quirk will be willing to do it.

West shared that the Westside won the annual Northside/Westside Softball game and that we needed to come up with a Westside project for the Northside team to execute. Discussed proposed Pocket Park near RR tracks north east of the Food Co-op. An ad-hoc team will meet to discuss and explore the possibility of applying for a large grant to fund the project.

Also discussed greenway lighting project on the Northside and decided to look into MRA funding since it abuts the new Urban Renewal District.

7. Adjourned at 7:40pm

Submitted by: Chris Jackson