

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes

Date: September 19, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Playfair Park Shelter, 3001 Bancroft

Present: Dave Westfall, John Connor, Jon Wilkins, Kathleen Hanson, Jane Kelly (neighborhood coordinator), John DiBari (Ward 4 Councilman), Jesse Ramos (Ward 4 Councilman), Morgan Valiant, (Missoula Conservation Lands Manager) Margo Duneman (Sentinel HS Assistant Principal) and approximately 25 Lewis and Clark Residents

1. Welcome and food – Dave Westfall welcomed all attendees and invited them to pulled pork and other accompaniments provided.
2. Bancroft Ponds—Morgan Valliant (Missoula Conservation Lands Manager) gave a brief history of the ponds, priorities (protect, educate, develop), master plan and formation of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee projects include making the pond ADA accessible (signup was circulated to support the neighbor's request for funding), outdoor classroom, habitat restoration (Five Valleys Audubon Society to match funding) and signage.

*Neighbor Jess Evans mentioned his concern regarding sidewalk drop at Russell St Square
3. Recycling—Dave Westfall has been working with Chad Bower to improve recycling efforts in Lewis and Clark neighborhood. Residents can signup for 28 gallon garbage can and 96 gallon recycle bin for \$38/month. Republic Services will take 3-7 plastics. Other markets for plastic are being explored. Neighbors are interested in price comparisons, some feel RS has monopoly. *Check on rates in other MT towns.
4. Election of new leadership team member- Jeff Lamson was nominated. Pat Collins moved to accept the nomination with Lydia Baker seconding. The assembly voted unanimously to accept the new neighborhood leadership team member.
5. Sentinel High School Parking Issues – Margo Duneman (Sentinel HS Assistant Principal) gave an update on current steps being taken to address parking concerns. Numbered parking decals have been issued to students with cars, teachers are patrolling grounds inside and out, an informational flyer has been handed out to surrounding neighbors by administrators with resources to report issues and violations, SRO Monaco patrols in an unmarked car, please call school with concerns. Neighbors across the street expressed unhappiness regarding the school buses idling and the noise associated with that. Disabled Parking Spots can be added to area in front of homes if approved and needed.
6. Traffic calming circles – John DiBari provided an update from Ben Weiss. Potential issues, questions and updates: Intersections are not ADA accessible- will a calming circle trigger the need to update the curbs to be ADA accessible? Areas do not meet Federal Hwy Regulations for adding Yield signs or reducing speeds, Queen and South does meet regulations for a Crosswalk and they will work on it.

Jeff Miller presented findings that the city does have the ability to reduce speed limits. He expressed concern regarding the actual cost of calming circles and lack of ability to

determine this cost. He urged everyone to consider all options.

7. Q&A with City Council- John DiBari and Jesse Ramos answered neighbors' questions pertaining to dogs on leases (Lester Park in particular) and how it's enforced, which city in MT pays more per capita in taxes and concerns around the quality of paving work done by the city street department.
8. Neighborhood Priorities—Jane Kelly, time did not allow us to get to this item.
9. Approval of Bylaws—Dave Westfall made a motion to accept the Bylaws with Pat Collins seconding. The Bylaws were unanimously accepted.
10. Public comment on non-agenda items – Derek reminded assembly of the coming vote regarding the Open Space Bond.
11. Announcements - None

Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator Karen Gasvoda, Program Assistant Morgan Valliant, Conservation Lands Mgr. Ted Fuller, Sentinel High School Principal John DiBari, Ward 4 Council Member Jesse Ramos, Ward 4 Council Member Lewis & Clark NC Leadership Team

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