

Miller Creek Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2022

6 - 8 pm

Virtual Zoom

Introductions:

Jack Walton, Alex Fregerio, Medora O'Connor

Program Coordinator: Kelly Elam Program Specialist: Kalina Wickham

Roy Thomas, Miller Creek Neighbor

With only 3 of 7 Board Members present, there was no quorum, so minutes of the last meeting were not approved. Also, we were not able to have an election of Officers at this meeting.

By-laws:

Miller Creek By-laws were last approved in 2018. Kalina reported that there has been a strategic assessment of Neighborhood By-laws, & a decision has been made to review them more often. Kalina will send out the new recommendations to the Board Members & we will discuss them at our next monthly meeting.

Mailboxes:

On the west side of Upper Miller Creek Road: Jack explained the history of the street & sidewalk. Hopefully the USPS will someday provide locked boxes grouped in a strategic location, to facilitate mail delivery & mail security, as the Upper Miller Creek housing area creates more traffic to the roundabout.

Community Forum:

Jack reported on the Missoula Development Guide plan that includes zoning of undeveloped areas, the approved plan around Trails End, East Missoula, and the plan for Shaver Drive. The forum also included an Equal Treatment presentation.

The March Community Forum is cancelled but will happen in April with a speaker from Urban Forestry. The May presentation topic is Historical Preservation.

Missoula Neighborhood Report:

Kalina Wickham introduced herself. She is taking Colin Woodrow's position.

Kalina reported that there are 7 Neighborhood Improvement Grants to be awarded. The applications still need to be scored & then distributed in May. Alex will be on the committee to review/score the applications.

Neighborhood Clean-Up:

The event is scheduled for April 30. The City will provide funds for clean-up supplies, and flyers to be handed out to encourage neighbor participation. One thought was to

have Jeanette Rankin School Park area for serving refreshments to the volunteers. Two Captains are needed to organize & coordinate the efforts. Alex volunteered to be one of the captains. There may be City Compost Vouchers given to the workers. Republic Services may place a dumpster for the collected trash.

City Council Meetings:

Going forward will be hybrid, with members in-person, & other attendees via Zoom.

Miller Creek \$\$\$:

We have a credit with the Big Dipper \$477.50, & Fresh Market \$400.00. There is \$1,700 in the neighborhood fund to use for the General Meeting usually held in August.

We can have an outdoor General Meeting this year, with a decrease in Covid infections.

Non- Agenda Items:

Jack reported on the housing developments happening in Miller Creek Neighborhood. (41 units on Christian Drive; Maloney Ranch lots are each selling for \$150,000; Shaver Drive will have townhouses, & when connected to a through street Mountain Line will be able to run a bus in a circuit through the Miller Creek Area; 23 apartment buildings on Joy Drive; 12 apartment buildings will be built in Lower Miller Creek) Construction on the commercial lot located at the corner of Linda Vista & Upper Miller Creek Road, has begun.

The Upper Linda Vista Homeowners Association:

The meeting will be a virtual one. Check their website for date & time.

Urban Deer Study:

The City funded a study, & then the Pandemic started. The Committee has not been able to meet to find a tangible action to take, & currently it is not a top priority.

Miller Creek Neighborhood Council Meetings: are the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6-8 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Kelly will send the Old & New By-laws so we can review them & be prepared to discuss them at the meeting in April.

Respectfully Submitted,

Medora O'Connor, acting Secretary