

Lewis & Clark Neighborhood Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2024

5:30 PM

Lewis & Clark Elementary School Library, 2901 Park Street, Missoula

1. The following presenters were introduced Andy Drobeck, Missoula Firefighters Local 271, Gordy Huges, Missoula Fire Chief, and Philip Keating, Asst. Missoula Fire Chief
Roll Call: Terry Conner, Colleen, Kathleen Hanson, Claire Battaglia and Mellissa Glueckert, Office of the Neighborhoods
2. Presentation by Andrew Drobeck, Missoula Firefighters Local 271, along with Chief Huges and Asst Chief Keating informed the leadership team of the need for the Fire Levy to be voted on in June. There has been no additional money for the Missoula Fire Department since 2009. There is a huge need for additional firefighters and equipment. Missoula has grown rapidly and the needs for emergency and fire protection has increased as well. Safety and rapid response is suffering because of the low budget. The Levy is to be voted on at the June city election. The firemen asked if we could help get the word out to our neighborhood.
The team see the importance of this levy and will further discuss what they can do to help get a positive response from the neighborhood through social media and other means.
3. February 7, Meeting Minutes were approved as posted.
4. Treasurer Report- Colleen Biehl reported that as of this meeting the budget stands as reported in December. She is waiting for the final bills from the general meeting in September 2023.

Items for Discussion

- a. Spring Clean-up Days: All Neighborhoods Spring Cleanup is Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 1-3pm. The afternoon time was decided on so families that are involved in the River Run could participate. To help with the other parks in our neighborhood, we each need to man a station with garbage bags, etc at a particular park. Sandwich signs will be placed at the parks.
- b. United Way is usually in early June 2024 and the engineering group, HDR, has helped with this project. Held in early June by Missoula United Way. Colleen Biehl is their contact person.
- c. Spring Planting with Sasha, She is just getting back from her winter lay off. Colleen will contact her before the April Meeting.
- d. Update on Bancroft Ponds Grants: Colleen reported that Jeff was contacted again, but has not heard back from him about our proposals for the spending of the grant money,
- e. Citizens Academy update: Claire Battaglia reported she has learned a lot about the different departments of the city and feels that's the Academy is very worth while.

5. Neighborhood City Forum Report – Terry Conner reported that the PROST information was given and she enjoyed hearing about the other neighborhoods.
6. Office of the Neighborhood's Report: Melissa Glueckert reported that the Neighborhood Grants hit a few snags and things fell into place, so they will be presented at the March City Forum Meeting. The

Neighborhood Tool Kits are still in preparation. She reminded that each neighborhood will be presenting a very short report to the city council coming up this Spring.

7. No public comments.
8. Announcements: Next Meeting Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 5:30pm Lewis & Clark Elementary School Computer Lab

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