



Missoula Neighborhoods

Miller Creek Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

April 16th, 2024; 6pm

Fire Station #5

Attendance: Jack Walton, Alex Fregerio, Holly Haslam, Jen Pfeiffer, Lee Boman, Julie Anton, Kalina Pritchard, Diane Bickers, Christine Stevens-J.R School, Art Pencek, Medora O'Connor

Minutes of previous meetings were approved.

School Levies: Jen Pfeiffer and Principal Stevens reported on the school situations.

The Safety Levy & General Levy are on the same ballot. There's been a budget cut from the State of Montana. Out of 600 kids enrolled at CS Porter Middle School, 73 are homeless.

The Safety Levy will support cameras inside the schools, Safety Officers, while the General Levy will support teachers and the Behavioral Interventionists. The B. I. staff has unique training to handle any disruptive children, and the Paras do not have this training. There's a need for this supplemental staff to assist parents with filling out forms to apply for special needs and help find what is best for the kids and their families. Currently the schools are operating on 'bare bones' funding.

Transportation: Safety Reviews are scheduled to be done on Reserve Street. There are changes in the MT Department of Transportation. Kalina will keep us informed about any new information that she learns. Discussion followed about the Lower Miller Creek Road exit street.

Spring Cleanup for Miller Creek neighborhood:

Kalina reports that a new requirement for volunteers is to sign a waiver, so these forms will be on the table beside the dumpster on Saturday, April 27th. People are encouraged to leave their email addresses in an effort to save postage on future notices from the MC Leadership Team. 12 Gift Cards will be given for volunteers who participate in this Cleanup Day. Cards will be good at The Den, the Golf Course and the Miller Creek Cafe. Kalina will send an electronic version of the Cleanup Day flyer, to Principal Stevens, so that she can inform JR School families.

Kalina Pritchard:

Miller Creek Neighborhood Council budget is \$985. On July 1st, \$1,700 will be our budget to work with for the next 12 months.

We discussed the possibility of building kiosks in Miller Creek parks, with the help of the Boy Scouts, & grant money. We would like to have a person from Parks and Recreation department come speak to us about this idea, what permits are required, etc.

Lee gave the Community Forum Report. Grants went to 3 Neighborhood groups, Franklin, University District, and Heart of Missoula.

Non-Agenda item:

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Jack attended City Council meeting and reported on Miller Creek Neighborhood Leadership Team activities.

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