

Miller Creek Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2024; 6pm

Fire Station #5

Present: Jack Walton, Lee Boman, Julie Anton, Kevin Slovarp, Jeremy Keene, Monte Sipe, George Curran, Thomas O'Connor, Medora O'Connor

Kevin Slovarp spoke about the Miller Creek improvements to roads/streets which is to add bike lanes, storm drains, sidewalks and curbing. Also these improvements are to be made to Bigfork Road. A preliminary design is in place. Next is Easement acquisition, infrastructure money. An SID is the fastest way to pay for the improvements. One question asked was how MC Leadership Team can support these improvements and the answer is that we sponsor Public Meetings regarding the planned improvements, perhaps held at JR School.

There are to be Special Impact Fees for the new lots in Riverfront Trails Subdivision. It was asked if a larger area could be included into the current SID map. Using a process through City Council for City vs County Property would be utilized for development and creating fees.

Other improvements to Miller Creek Neighborhood are: Utility relocation, add a School Zone at JRSchool, 25mph speed limits for all streets in Miller Creek neighborhood, speed study done on collector roads. There are MT state requirements to set speed limits. Improvement Plans are 90% complete and Federal money plus City money will be applied for to fund the projects. The funding package is done in the winter and improvements start in 2026.

Lee Boman spoke about determination of priorities for our Action Plan. It was decided to put Traffic concerns as #1, Park & Recreation/Open Space as #2, and #3 is Emergency Preparedness/Safety & Crime Prevention. Next is to identify specific actions for each priority.

Julie Anton gave a report from the Realtor Association, and how they are benefiting Missoula with charitable opportunities.

Medora O'Connor reported on Message Board options available. We will miss the Grant Application deadline this year. One way to gain approval for Message boards in parks can be through the HOA.

Community Forum Report: Land Use Presentation states that Missoula population is expected to be 128,000 in 2045; shift towards multiple dwellings per lot (apartments); Water rates are going to be increased to replace failing sewage pipes. Camping in Parks--there's a December 2nd public hearing & a vote will take place during the December Council meeting. The next Community Forum is likely to be on December 5th.

Jack Walton reported that there is now a storm drain, sidewalk and curbing from Linda Vista to Maggie Mae street.

Next meeting is December 17th, 6pm, Fire Station #5.

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