

Miller Creek Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Sept 2, 2025; 6pm

Marilyn Park

Attendance: Jack Walton, Melissa Glueckert, Alex Fregerio, Medora O'Connor

Meeting called to order at Marilyn Park, 6pm.

Minutes were approved from August meeting.

Message boards: Melissa reported that she is working with Kalina on the policy documents for items as to maintenance and information to be posted on these boards. Park & Recreation is estimating the cost of each board to be \$20,000 each. We are thinking the cost to be \$2,000. It would be helpful to have a Park & Rec person attend our meeting. We looked at location for the Marilyn Park Message Board. We think next to the entrance sidewalk would be the best.

General Meeting: alternative location is JR School cafeteria or Learning Steps.

Items needed for September 16th meeting in Maloney Ranch Park: 5pm set-up time.

Sign boards to be placed September 6th.

Food: Alex will contact Notorious P.I.G.; Medora will contact Yokes and The Den.

Kalina will bring eating utensils, raffle tickets, the neighborhood flag, sign in sheets, speakers for the sound system, and battery powered sound system.

Water: Alex, Jack, and Medora will bring water jugs from home.

Garbage bins: Tom/Medora

Speakers: Alex, Bob Campbell, Stacie Anderson, possibly Bear Smart Missoula, Native Plants person, and Raffle of Gift Cards.

Community Forum Report: 8/28/2025

MRA -Missoula Redevelopment Agency, established by State Law in 1978 for urban renewal, 5 members on the Board. Chairman is Carl Englund & Ashley Warren.

Policy makers for renewal in select districts, currently there are 6 districts. Projects are funded with Property Tax revenue and TIF- Tax Increment Financing, and Public money. When an area is identified as being 'blighted' & in need of renewing, if it is accepted as a District, then it's studied and renewal is planned. Areas that are needing sidewalks, dilapidated private property, or is unusable property, it is determined what demolition and rebuilding of the property can be done to improve public use. Projects are buildings, parks, roads, upgrades, remediation, sewer/water lines. Public money must be spent for items of public use. Demolition is paid for and the goal is that materials will be reclaimed to avoid



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discarding materials into the landfill. Projects recently include: Library, Art Museum, MT Gastro building which reused 20k tons of materials, YWCA, 2500 housing units, 3 parking structures, 4 foot bridges, traffic circles, fire hydrants (45k/ea), 10 miles of new streets, sidewalks, relocation of utilities.

A District lasts 15 years.

www.ci.missoula.mt.us/mra

Only the City Council can decide if property is bought or sold. MRA can't decide this. Audits of MRA are online with financial records and Board information, programs and applications, major projects & maps.

Gwen reported on the Budget:

Mayor Davis has reduced the City budget deficit from \$3.1 million to \$2.4 million.

The state gas tax has gone to street maintenance.

There's a housing sprint happening.

Commercial Property Tax is going up.

6 new firefighters.

Speed limits are being placed at all schools.

Cost of running the Johnson Street Center was \$1.8 million/year. 40 residents have been housed

Empty beds at the POV, with population there being 25, currently.

Candidates for City Government will be featured with help from the League of Women Voters.

September is open for Grant Applications. Deadline is before Thanksgiving.

September Community Forum will have Code Reform speaker, and SAM- safety, access, and mobility projects speaker.

Next Leadership Team Meeting will be November 3rd at Fire Station #5.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Medora O'Connor, Secretary