Neighborhood Councils Sponsor Public Meeting on Missoula College Development Featuring UM President Royce Engstrom

The University District Neighborhood Council and the Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council will hold a joint public meeting with University of Montana President Royce Engstrom as the featured guest to provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about UM's plans to develop Missoula College on the site of the existing University of Montana Golf Course. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Sentinel High School from 7-8:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Councils are an extension of City of Missoula government. The City's Neighborhoods Office has set up an online comment page on the City website to collect comments and questions for the Neighborhood Council leadership team in advance of the meeting. The web address is www.ci.missoula.mt.us/southcampus. Submissions made by Nov. 6 will be used to create a list of questions for President Engstrom to consider in advance of the meeting. Comments and questions submitted after Nov. 6 will be sent directly to UM leadership after the meeting.

The two sponsoring Neighborhood Councils are in neighborhoods near the planned development of a Missoula College campus. Neighbors have questions about issues that will directly affect their neighborhoods, such as traffic, parking, trash pickup and more, said the Neighborhood Council chairs.

"There have been scores of meetings over the years, but we still aren't hearing much about some of the issues that worry us most," said University District Chair Dave Chrismon.

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council Chair Emily Thomsen hears similar questions from residents of her neighborhood and hopes for an informative forum Nov. 14. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

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