

Mayor's Downtown Advisory Commission Minutes September 12, 2017

Commission Members in Attendance: Eran Fowler Pehan (Housing & Community Development), Melinda Mason (Children's Mental Health Bureau), Bryan von Lossberg (City Council), Nicole Rowley (County Commissioner), Dave Chrismon (Downtown Ambassador), Lt. Jake Rosling (Police Department), Amy Allison Thompson (Poverello Center), Theresa Williams (Reaching Home Coordinator), Margaret Borg (Retired Attorney), Ginny Merriam (Mayor's Office), Dan Cederberg (Downtown Attorney) and Sue Wilkins (Missoula Correctional Services)

Commission Members Absent: Michael Moore (Downtown Business Owner), Jon Wilkins (City Council), Keithi Worthington (City Attorney), Kathleen Jenks (Municipal Court Judge), Elizabeth Marshall (Palace Apartments), Tom Snyder (Downtown Business Owner) and Ryan Boyd (Salvation Army)

Others in Attendance: Sam Harkness (MSW Practicum Student) and Heidi Bakula (Mayor's Office)

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of August 1, 2017 were approved as submitted.

1. Public Comment - None
2. Introductions
3. Downtown Update
 - Bryan von Lossberg said that the community service officers recently returned to the schools. He also attended a few neighborhood meetings with the Heart of Missoula and the Eastside/Westside Neighborhoods.
 - Amy Allison Thompson said that the Poverello Center had a 5% decrease in length of stay this summer and there were 25% less people using the facility this summer.
 - Theresa Williams stated that as part of the Coordinated Entry System, she's working on coordinating homeless outreach efforts. Some of the agencies do formal homeless outreach and some do it less formally. Agencies are being brought together in an effort to ensure that the city and county are covered and that services and efforts are not being duplicated. The next Coordinated Outreach planning meeting will take place in October.
 - Dave Chrismon had been concerned about the lack of presence of the additional resource officers downtown since they were returning to the schools, but the downtown area has been fine without them so far.
 - Margaret Borg wondered if the air quality affected the transient population.
 - Cola Rowley said that the Relationship Violence Service (RVS) does training for over service of alcohol and maybe MDAC could invite someone from RVS to speak.
 - Lt. Jake Rosling said that they were covering the schedule downtown since the community service officers returned to the schools. They hired two new misdemeanor follow-up officers downtown and they are in cars because of the smoke. The only problems he was aware of was the little island behind City Lodge because of illegal camping and Little McCormick Park because of the people sleeping in cars and the drug activity.
 - Sue Wilkins stated that the Department of Corrections was closing some facilities and pushing people out. This will increase the homeless population and there may be an increase in crime. There were also cuts to GAP treatment and treatment after incarceration.
 - Dan Cederberg spoke to Linda McCarthy of the Missoula Downtown Partnership and she thought that the downtown was better.

- Dave Chrismon said that he had great help and service from the HOT Team and 911 when he was working on a problem near a business downtown with a homeless individual.
- Amy Allison Thompson is worried about an influx of homeless people with all the cuts that Sue Wilkins mentioned in the correctional system. She will have a larger case load.
- Theresa Williams said that the cuts would affect the coordinated entry system. The Mental Health Center will now match individuals with what their specific need is instead of treating all individuals with all the same services.
- Melinda Mason added that targeted case management will be eliminated under the cuts.
- Sue Wilkins stated that there would be cuts for youth services and placement of youth in treatment.

4. Progressive National Approaches

- Eran Pehan said that the city did not get the SAMHSA grant, awards went to other very large state programs. It was very clear that those that have strong advocates get the grants. California received several grants. Eran will review scoring and try to do better next time. In FY18 there will be cuts to the HOME program and the CDBG program and it's hard to know what will happen.
- Theresa Williams added that there would be a coordinated outreach plan to try and figure out how to fill the gaps.

5. New Business

6. Working Group Updates

- Crisis/drop-in/warming center – See Progressive National Approaches above for SAMHSA information.
- Alcohol retail sales reduction
 - Margaret Borg stated that to really get any further on alcohol retail sales reduction there needs to be a Native American presence on MDAC. MDAC needs their insight.
- Education and public advocacy – Nothing new to report.
- Evaluation of the commission's progress

- Dan Cederberg said that the committee tasked with coming up with an evaluation tool did not find a model for assessment. He said that he would look at the downtown ambassador statistics and use those to build an assessment tool. Recent statistics were handed out at the meeting.

7. Discussion of additional members in key areas – Nothing new to report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heidi Bakula, Executive Assistant

2017 Downtown Ambassador Statistics

Month	Individuals Moved	Assist Citizen or Visitor	Panhandlers & Transients	Bikes on Walks	Assist Police	Business Contact	Graffiti	Misc	Bill Postings
Jan	1	54	71	36	1	268	0	2	21
Feb	2	65	160	82	1	296	0	11	30
Mar	10	153	295	160	6	414	17	49	23
Apr	4	368	259	174	4	255	69	147	72
May	15	952	326	250	4	293	44	102	59
Jun	9	2123	299	286	6	174	40	19	96
Jul	7	1830	265	249	2	149	61	31	57
Aug	18	2199	306	249	4	208	63	51	51
Sept									
Oct									
Nov									
Dec									
TOTAL	66	7744	1981	1486	28	2057	294	412	409

CSS Activity Report 2017		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	Same time last YTD
Citizen Inquiries	9	20	30	55	52	80	89	88						423	129
Citizen Assistance	33	30	28	31	30	50	46	45						293	112
Crashes	15	12	7	1		2	3							40	17
Evidence/Property Pickup	43	81	54	26	15	16	58	27						320	197
Recovered Bikes	2		1		3	4	10	3						23	31
Animal Control Issues					1			4						5	6
Traffic	7	18	5	1	4	6	6	6						53	15
Graffiti			1	2		7	4	2						16	2
Parking	40	50	29	4	9	11	10	18						171	35
Officer Assistance	33	47	66	65	48	98	89	101						547	112
VIN Inspection	23	10	18	2	5	7	10	13						88	54
Case Follow Up	1	1	2			2	2	1						9	6
Open Container	2	16	35	79	83	93	75	78						461	107
Abandoned Vehicles, etc.	4	16	24	5	5	12	16	23						105	20
Miscellaneous	19	37	47	39	21	44	26	40						273	86
Camping in City	10	9	17	29	17	46	44	56						228	127
Activities	241	347	364	339	293	478	488	505						3,055	1,056
North Park Loop	45	43	49	89	106	119	95	89						635	157
South Park Loop	40	29	35	72	82	93	78	50						479	135
South Hills Loop	1		2	1										4	42
Rattlesnake Loop	17	11	8	3		2		1						42	39
Greenough	24	17	17	14	13	14	13	18						130	44
Kim Williams		1					2	1						4	10
Bonner	27	16	17	8				3						71	80
Playfair/Splash	26	17	15	8		2		4						72	73
Franklin	27	18	21	7		1	1	2						77	60
Westside	16	11	10	4		7	73	8						129	104
Little McCormick	46	43	44	53	53	71		83						393	87
Southside Lions	29	17	13	7		2	4	4						76	64
Northside	15	10	11	6	1	7	49	7						106	83
Poverello Area	31	30	34	48	49	59	23	51						325	106
Other Parks	3	1	4	2	4	4	123	13						154	107
North Higgins	75	62	77	106	127	144	82	126						799	111
North Footbridge	52	44	54	58	74	86		86						454	
Park & Trail Patrol	474	370	411	486	509	611	543	546						3,950	1,302
Out to Lunch						3	2	2						7	7
North Reserve						5								5	15
Orange Street Exit						3		2						5	15
Events															
GRAND TOTAL	715	717	775	825	802	1,100	1,033	1,055						7,022	2,395

Officer Activity Log 2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D	Same time last YTD
Citizen Inquiries	15	25	21	27	66	321	349	112					936	1850
Citizen Assistance	10	16	17	17	39	327	107	100					633	491
Aggressive Panhandling	2	2	2	1	4	12	5						28	25
Assault	1			3	9	4	1						18	4
Blke/Traffic			1	1	3	3	7	4					19	26
Camping	4		1	8	10	20	15	30					88	74
Criminal Mischief						1							1	4
Disorderly	6	2	1	7	7	30	37	4					94	136
Dogs		1	14	5	12	13	6	4					55	19
Jaywalking			1			2	1	3					7	6
Juveniles						1							1	18
Intoxicated Ped in Roadway	1		2		2	5	1	1					12	19
Littering			3	1	1		5	2					12	11
Mental Health Crisis			2		1	1	3						7	6
Obstructing							4						4	3
Open Container		2	21	17	25	26	41	19					151	171
Pedestrian Interference			2			6	7	1					16	69
Possession of Drugs				1		1	1	1					4	5
Possession of Drug Para			1			2	1	1					5	
Provide alcohol to Intox Person				1									1	3
Probation Violation					1	2							3	1
Resisting Arrest													0	
Soliciting in certain places		2	2	1	2	2		7					16	32
Soliciting from roadway				1	2	1	1	2					7	17
Spitting on sidewalks													0	4
Theft													9	10
Trespass	3	7	5	4	4	208	18	10					259	33
Urinating/Defecating	1		2	1	1	5		2					12	7
Warrants	7	1	1	3	3	9	9	4					37	4
Welfare Check		2	9	4	11	3	14	3					46	
Other		6	15	6	7	13	26	8					81	
EXTRA PATROLS														
Library	3	14	14	9	15	14	24	20					113	
Bess Reed Park		6	6	11	22	28	39	59					171	
Rattlesnake Foot Bridge			1	1	14	30	23	24					93	47
Mission 3:16		1	1	4	11	15	20	20					72	
Little McCormick	2			3	16	31	34	36					122	284
Northside & Pedestrian Bridge		2	7	11	18	20	35	27					120	143
Poverello	7	6	2	3	12	42	25	26					123	258
Bank Street Parldng		10	6	5	15	7	9	5					57	
Main Street Parking		11	13	12	17	14	16	9					92	
Pattee Street Parking		8	6	4	13	10	8	4					53	
Kiwanis Park		4	11	13	23	18	60	70					199	69
Mountain Line Bus Terminal	19	14	17	20	29	69	55	63					286	229
Madison Street Bridge			5	9	18								32	
Caras Park		9	12	18	26	53	74	74					266	
McCormick Park Area			16	11	21	38	45	75					206	
West Front Street Parking		1	4	8	14	8	8	3					46	
Other	20	14	37	28	33	499	535	419					1585	2632
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