North Elevation Task Force Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 15, 2014
7:00pm-8:00pm
McKinley School Gym – 820 N. 31st St

Please Invite the Neighbor on Either Side of You to Come to the Upcoming Meetings!

Welcome and Introductions – Dusty Eaton 5 minutes

Guest Speaker – City Forester/Natural Resource Supervisor is Fred Bicha 15 minutes

Committee Organization Workshop 35 minutes
  • Historic District Team
    o Current status
    o Next Steps
  • Safety Team
    o Traffic
    o Parking
  • Neighborhood Community Events Team
    o Garden Club
    o Family Events
    o Social Media
    o Neighborhood Directory
    o Landscape Awards
    o Newsletter

Please brainstorm ideas/issues for future meetings and document on the flipchart

Wrap Up – Dusty Eaton 5 minutes
  • Next Meeting Tuesday, May 20th at McKinley Gym
Welcome and Introductions:
Perry Moler welcomed everyone to the second meeting and gave a brief review of the agenda. He introduced Dina Harmon, guest speaker, from the City of Billings.

Presentation: Dina Harmon – City of Billings
Dina gave an overview of the programs available through City of Billings Community Development Division. The Division joins community partners with resources to increase access to housing, support capacity-building for local non-profit organizations, to create a sustainable community and promote neighborhood revitalization. Programs available to apply for loans are:
- First Time Home Buyer
- Home Repair Programs
- Billings Metro VISTA Project
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
Dina asked task force members to fill out a survey rating these programs from 1-5 as to importance in our neighborhood.

Election of Officers:
Perry introduced Jeff Kreidler (Design and Drafting Instructor at MSU-B) as an interested member for the Chairman position. Jeff introduced Dusty Eaton (Architect at A&E Architects) and recommended him for Chairman. After brief discussion, it was decided to nominate Dusty as Chairman and Jeff as Co-Chairman for the TF. It was moved, seconded, and passed.
Marge Hall was nominated as secretary and it was decided to have Co-Secretary’s as well to help cover meetings. Lue Ponich and Jenna Murphy will be in the Co-Secretary position.

Neighborhood Concerns & New Business
Brent Cromley and Mike Yakovich, councilman from Ward 1, were introduced and both spoke on the importance of the task force and people coming together to help issues in the neighborhood. Great turnout and good start.

Shauna on North 31st gave an update on McKinley School renovation plans. Demolition of north section of school will begin right after school is out. Construction will take a year, so K-3rd will be in the 3 story building and Grades 4-6 will be moved to the Lincoln Center until new addition at McKinley is completed. Diagonal parking will be used around the school to provide more spaces for staff.

Terry on North 30th gave an update on snow removal at the hospitals between 11pm-6am being an issue this past winter. Snow removal brought on more discussion regarding traffic, speeding, and safety issues. It was decided for those interested in these types of issues should volunteer on that committee.

Challenges for next meeting
Committees were briefly discussed and will be started next meeting. The committees will be Historic District, Traffic-Parking-Safety, Garden Club-Family Events, and Social Media. Next meeting April 15th.

Marge Hall-Secretary
North Elevation Task Force