Greetings South Side residents and community partners,

We have had a busy fall, and we are excited to share several Healthy Neighborhood Project updates with you. Be sure to read all the way through this newsletter to find out about an exciting new opportunity coming in 2020!

2019 Project Updates

South Side Stories

Walking route maps are published! They are available on our website and we have a limited supply of printed copies available. Thank you to everyone who contributed: Rick Bakko for the map designs, Kevin and Lauren with Western Heritage Center for collecting the oral histories, and to Linda Deavila, South Side resident, for working with us to collect stories, interviews, and for being an all-around huge help on the project!

What’s next? In spring, you can expect to see sidewalk stickers marking points of interest from the maps, a free walking tour training, AND…. A special South Side Stories podcast! That’s right – we are in the planning stages of a podcast featuring stories about the walking routes.

Bright Side of the Tracks Branding

- Box wrap designs have been selected for electric boxes in both South Side parks. As a result of the cold weather, they will be installed in the spring.
- We still have free Bright Side of the Tracks t-shirts available in a variety of sizes. Email info@hbdyc.org or call Hannah at 247.3394 to arrange pick up or be sure to attend the December South Side Task Force meeting to pick one up.
- Seeking – photos for a special “Faces of the South Side” box wrap. During our South Side Shines celebration in September, we collected black and white portraits for a special box wrap featuring the faces of the South Side. We’re still collecting photos! You can participate in several ways:
  - Have your photo taken at the South Side Task Force meeting on December 19th at 6:30pm at Northern Plains Resource Council
  - Send us a high quality black and white headshot of yourself
  - Let us take your photo when you pick up your South Side t-shirt!

What’s Up with the Grocery Store?

The grocery store is still in the works. The Native American Development Corporation (NADC for short) has taken the lead on this project, and has been working with residents and our Coalition to continue to find the right location, partnerships, and funding needed to make this happen. A huge thank you to: Marguerite Jodry, South Side resident, who spent the better part of 2019 helping us develop a business plan for this project, Sue Taylor with NADC for her leadership, Eric Bayse and Lisa Reinschmidt with CLDI for their shared leadership and collaboration, and to the many members of the grocery store committee who helped shape this project!
Okay, so what's the exciting news?!
Drumroll please...
We are proud to announce that we have received a 4th year of grant funding from the Kresge Foundation to continue this project on the South Side of Billings! Why are we so proud? Because the Kresge Foundation has chosen to award another $100,000 to our project over the next year based on the momentum you have all helped to create for this project over the past three years. This additional funding will be used to focus on two Bright Side of the Tracks efforts:

- **South Sidewalks** – Inspired by a project by Public Art Saint Paul, we are going to spend the next year incorporating resident-created poems into sidewalks throughout the neighborhood.
- **Brighten Up events** – Through these events, we will connect neighborhood businesses, organizations, and the South Side Task Force around shared neighborhood improvement projects, such as neighborhood clean ups or service events.

Project teams are meeting later this month to outline next steps and most importantly, how to make it easy for residents to weigh in and contribute ideas toward this work. We will continue to keep you updated on current and new projects through quarterly emails, our Facebook page, and during South Side Task Force meetings. Task Force meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:30 – 8:00pm at the Northern Plains Resource Council (220 S. 27th). The next SSTF meeting is next Thursday, December 19th. In the meantime, please check out the project website for current updates: [http://www.healthybydesignyellowstone.org/healthy-neighborhood-project/](http://www.healthybydesignyellowstone.org/healthy-neighborhood-project/)

Thank you and here’s to working together to making the healthy choice, the easy choice in 2020!

Melissa, Maia, and Hannah
*on behalf of the Healthy By Design Coalition*
and the Healthy Neighborhood Project team

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The Healthy Neighborhood Project is a collaboration of the Healthy By Design Coalition, made possible with funding from the Kresge Foundation. This e-newsletter will go out to anyone who has been involved in the project since summer 2016 and those who signed up to receive updates, including both organizational representatives and community residents. If you have any questions, comments, or something you would like to share related to this project or the South Side triangle, or if you would like to unsubscribe, please contact Melissa at [info@hbdyc.org](mailto:info@hbdyc.org) or 651.6569.