

Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council Leadership Team

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 12, 2016

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Rattlesnake Gardens
2501 Rattlesnake Drive
Missoula, MT 59802

Leadership Team Members Present: Breanna Ender, Bill Ruediger, Robin Carey, Bev Young

Others Present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator Phil Petrilli

1. Approval of minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were not approved.
2. Planning for General Meeting: Current officers: Robin Carey, Chair; Bill Ruediger, Vice-chair; Doug Grimm, Community Forum rep with Bill as alternate; Bev Young, Secretary and Treasurer; Breanne Ender and Tom Gignoux, at large members.

We should stay in touch with Office of Development Services if we have a concern about line of sight for traffic at corner of Lolo and Rattlesnake.

Budget: we have \$800 each year plus our printing costs. We could ask for more money, if we spend all of this. October 25 is the deadline for large \$3000 grants. After we have our general meeting for the year, we can spend any of the remaining \$800 on capital improvements and other miscellaneous items. Those improvements could include equipment, trees, playground equipment. Other possible uses are leadership team training and travel expenses in Missoula, and accessory materials and refreshments for volunteer events.

Robin is interested in having some of the Rattlesnake trail improved, specifically that portion above the pedestrian bridge at the end of Duncan. Doug Harby, City engineering, is the person to contact about rights of way, since this trail is probably located in easements/right of way. Cornerstone subdivision may have some remaining money set aside for parks, etc. that could go into a path along Rattlesnake drive. Caroline Lonski has put energy into this in the past. We need someone to take this on since it's going to take some time. Contact Donna Gaukler at Parks and Rec; she has some money set aside in CIP budget.

Setting General Meeting date: possibly Oct 4, 5 or 6. The group will circulate these dates and see what works best for the school or church and our leadership team. Bev to check with Rattlesnake Elementary school first and then church and then with the team to select the final date. Start time will be 6:30pm.

County-city road maintenance for Rattlesnake Drive: should we meet with county commissioners to ask about Rattlesnake Drive road maintenance? This is a big issue and perhaps we should raise it to our City Council reps first. Look to the transportation plan first and then ask City Council reps. Transportation plan came out of a committee that Dave Strohmeier and Jason Wiener led with considerable citizen efforts and input. This plan is posted at the City web site and the link is

<http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/DocumentCenter/View/6511>. A list of the participating citizens is on page

23. Robin and Bill will make a field visit to the portion of Rattlesnake Drive of concern. This could be an agenda item at General Meeting in the fall. There was also a question about a recently erected No Parking sign on the powerline right-of-way off of Rattlesnake Drive. Individuals use this trail for biking and walking. This area is within City limits on the west side of Rattlesnake Drive. Wayne Gravatt is the person to contact at City, Traffic Services Coordinator.



Agenda items for fall meeting:

- Public lands/trails use and parking. (What about the “no parking” sign at the Rattlesnake powerline access? Who put this up?) Wayne Gravatt, at the City, will be contacted by Jane and she’ll put him in touch with Bill. Trail etiquette (Breanne to handle if we include this; Montana Trail Crew does a lot of trail work).
- Pam Wright, Rattlesnake Elementary School principal, to discuss the updates to the school.
- Woodland Estates: status; ask Bryan Von Lossberg to discuss what the city passed about townhome review (5 units or more) and to speak to the issue of Woodland estates. Bev to ask Bryan to do this.
- I-90 Roundabouts: ask Shane Stack to give us poster boards to show what work will be done in 2017.
- Elections: Robin’s term is up in March as is Tom Gignoux’s. Jane will ask these 2 if they want to run again.
- Rattlesnake bike/pedestrian trail along Rattlesnake drive: should we ask Caroline Lonski to speak about this issue to see if we can get someone to step up? Bill and Robin will see if she’ll go along on their field review. The URNC received a large grant in 2009 for a Lincoln Hills Drive to Tamarack trail study. We should all have copies of the produced documents.

Assignments for fall meeting:

- Breanne will take care of postcards and mailing, with information from Bev.
- Robin will moderate

- Bev will get site reserved; either the school or Lutheran church
- Doug should take care of sandwich boards
- Jane will handle agendas/sign-in sheets
- Bev will take notes
- There will be no refreshments
- And all of us should arrive early to help set up and stay late to clean up.

3. Jane gave a brief summary of the happenings in Community Forum.

4. Jane gave an update on the events taking place in the office of neighborhoods.

5. There was no new business.

6. Public comment on non-agenda items: Phil Petrilli, representing Lincoln School subdivision: The UU church backed out and the bank approached several property owners to see if they wanted the old school. They did and have since sold it to a developer who is working with Historic Preservation Commission for any alterations; the plan is to make it a four-plex rather than a duplex. Covenants will be changed to allow this, if city approves. The developer bought the school and lots 8, 9, 10 and 13. Lot 8, across the street and behind the school, will have a carriage house for the four-plex vehicles.

7. We should have a meeting in late August to set times for the agenda items and confirm speakers, etc. Jane will send out a Doodle poll. Woodland Estates is back on the market as the original approved Townhome Exemption.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Young, Secretary