

Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: January 17, 2018

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: Rattlesnake Market & Café
2501 Rattlesnake Drive
Missoula, MT 59802

Leadership Team Attendees: Paul Hendricks, Peter Lesica, Katherine Auge, Bob Giordano, Danni Moore, Kathy Tonnessen

Other: Brian von Lossberg, Ward 1 representative, Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator

1. Minutes were approved for January 31, 2017 leadership team, April 18, 2017 General, and September 26, 2017 Candidates' Forum meetings.
2. Bryan von Lossberg updated the leadership team on the trash pickup in the "bear buffer" zone. Bryan von Lossberg, Beth Judy, and Jamie Jonkle will meet on Friday January 19, 2018 with Republic Services to discuss the issues with pick up times. There are no answers to the issues yet, but they hope to work on a detailed arrangement.
3. Brian von Lossberg updated the leadership team on a "possible pilot" for deer management in the Rattlesnake. He discussed the possible need for a working group to head up the area's issues with urban deer. He was surprised at the feedback he received from the residents on the magnitude of changes they are seeing in the past 3-5 years. There will be a need for a census from the state and wildlife biology departments as one of the first steps to finding a solution.
4. The leadership team came to a consensus on positions:
Peter Lesica—2nd CF alt and co-chair
Paul Hendricks—co-chair
Bob Giordano—moderator
Kathy Tonnessen—treasurer
Katherine Auge—CF rep
Danni Moore—secretary
Neil Michelson—1st CF alt
5. Leadership team discussed dates for a spring general meeting. Will likely be in mid April on a Tuesday or Wednesday. The leadership team will meet once more in March to discuss agenda items.
6. Jane Kelly brought up that idea of submitting someone from the Lower Rattlesnake for Outstanding Neighbor of the Year.
7. Bob Giordano headed the discussion on the progress of the Transportation Committee for Upper and Lower Rattlesnake.
 - a. There is concern in the neighborhood about the safety of the intersection of Front and Van Buren since the stop sign has been removed. There is a small sign warning drivers of bicyclists that is not attention grabbing. It was decided that Bob will send out the letter to the city of safety concerns with Kathy's letter of concern about putting the stop sign back in.
 - b. Connecting Trails - energy on the trails committee.
8. Public Comments on non-agenda items—
 - Paul saw 2 separate parties and a dog hiking up Mt. Jumbo during the closure. He called 911 to report it. It is important to report these sightings to avoid another avalanche.
 - Leadership team made aware of Lower Rattlesnake break ins in December.
 - Discussion on Prescott School--Brian noted that the city was looking into assisting with the international school's new building on 3rd street and shared community rec facilities. It was determined to not be a good use of tax payer money. The international school will continue to stay in Prescott until their new location is built. Team agreed to keep the school on the radar as time goes on.
9. No announcements