

Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2022

4:30 pm

Via Zoom

1. Roll Call: Bill Ruediger (Co-Chair), Terri Roach (Co-Chair), Bev Young, Andrea Stierle, Kathy Gaskill (secretary), Kelly Elam (Missoula Neighborhood Office), Kalina Wickham (Missoula Neighborhood Office)
2. Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2021 were approved unanimously after a motion by Terri and seconded by Andrea.
3. Items discussed
 - a. Draft of proposed bylaws for consideration for the Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council (URNC). The draft was prepared by the Missoula Neighborhood Office in conjunction with the Strategic Assessment Report geared toward addressing, among other things, a perceived lack of diversity within Neighborhood Councils.
 - b. Bev is going to work on cleaning up the wording, content, and grammar of the draft of proposed by-laws. Information on what the LT involves including time commitment and number of meetings will be included.
 - c. Lack of diversity was discussed noting this is present in regard to age range of Leadership Team (LT). The LT was going to host an Ice Cream Social last summer and one focus was going to be attracting neighbors to become interested in being a part of the LT. The event was canceled due to increased Covid cases at that time, but the LT will look at having an Ice Cream Social in the future.
 - d. Enforcing term limits was not thought to be essential as it was noted at a previous general meeting no one stepped forward to be on the LT.
 - e. URNC general meetings have good turnout at which ideas are put forward by members and then ranked by members in order of importance. From that process the issues of concern are what the LT works on. The LT will work on finding a date to hold the next Upper Rattlesnake General Meeting, possibly this summer.
 - f. Bill updated the Barrow Pit project and said he is working on adapting the information to the city's format. He is submitting a grant request for \$2,000 to the city to update the engineering report and to reflect that the surface would be gravel. Gravel is much less expensive than the initial plan for asphalt.

- g. The problem of what to do about noxious weeds in the valley was discussed. It was noted this is a long-standing problem and one that is complicated to deal with. One suggestion was to have a “weed cleanup day”.
- h. Kalina said she will be sending an email to the LT regarding a Missoula Neighborhood Cleanup day on April 30, and asks us to consider promoting and organizing an event for our area.

Kathy Gaskill, URNC Secretary