

Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

4:30 pm,

Messiah Lutheran Church

1. Roll Call: Bill Ruediger (Co-Chair), Terri Roach (Co-Chair), Bev Young, Andrea Stierle, Kathy Gaskill (Secretary), Deb Fassnacht (Watershed Education Project), Kelly Elam (Missoula Neighborhood Office)

2. Meeting Minutes for August 1, 2022 were approved unanimously after a motion by Bev and seconded by Bill.

3. Items Discussed

a. The Ice Cream Social held on August 24th was deemed a success given the good attendance and engagement. \$396 of \$400 budgeted was spent for free ice cream cones, \$75 for the truck rental and a tip of 15% for a total of \$552. If the event is held again, we discussed noting on the postcard that the first 100 attendees/families can present their postcard and will receive a free ice cream cone.

b. Bill reported there was a lot of interest in the Barrow Pit Project, and he got many signatures of support on the petition.

c. Some attendees expressed interest in being on the Leadership Team and they will be contacted and encouraged to attend the next Upper Rattlesnake General Meeting.

d. Kelly will send the Leadership Team members a copy of the sign in sheet.

e. Kelly reported the Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood budget has \$999.90 available until June 30th, 2023. A \$200 gift card has also been purchased for use at the Neighborhood Meeting to be held in 2023. Kelly will check to see if we have any additional gift cards available.

f. Terri asked if current Leadership Team members want to continue. Bill said he does not want to but will continue to work on the Barrow Pit Project. Terri, Bev, Kathy and Andrea said they are interested in staying on the team. Bev will check the Bylaws to clarify how long members can serve on the Leadership Team. Kelly said elections should be the last item on the meeting agenda.

g. A date for the next General Meeting was discussed and will be either January 22nd or 29th. It was determined that a larger venue is needed so Terri will check to see if the meeting could be held at Rattlesnake School and what the cost would be. Kelly mentioned the possibility of reallocated fund availability if we run out of money.

h. Ideas for potential speakers included Deb Fassnacht from the Watershed Education Network, someone from Trout Unlimited or Fish and Game to discuss the Rattlesnake Dam Removal Project, someone regarding results from the annual Audubon Bird Survey, Jamie Jonkel regarding bears in the Rattlesnake, the city forester, someone who knows the history of the Rattlesnake and Bill with an update on the Barrow Pit Project. This list will be pared down given time constraints.

i. Deb Fassnacht said the Watershed Education Project is looking for volunteers to help collect data on recreational use in the Rattlesnake Recreation Area. Terri mentioned someone from the University was also collecting this type of data.

j. Bill reported he has 150 signatures on the Barrow Pit Project petition and hears lots of interest and support from people. He has collected signatures from events such as the Brew Fest in Caras Park and the Farmers Market. Bill said Public Works is involved because of right of way issues and is requiring the updated engineering information that will cost \$2,000. Bill would like to get about 700 signatures on the petition and bring it to the City Council and ask for their support to move it forward, potentially to Parks and Rec. Bill would like to get about 16 people on a committee to take over the project.

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting.