

Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council Leadership Team (URLT) Meeting

May 2, 2023

5:00 PM

Messiah Lutheran Church, 3718 Rattlesnake Dr.

1. Roll Call: Terri Roach (Co-Chair), Andrea Stierle (Co-Chair), Jeani Alonso-Adams (Treasurer), Kathy Gaskill (Secretary), Kevin Hunt, Kalina Pritchard (Missoula Neighborhood Specialist), Cyndi Erler
2. Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2023 URLT meeting were approved unanimously , with correction to note Andrea as Co-Chair, after a motion by Terri and seconded by Andrea.
3. Cyndi Erler came to the meeting to express her concern over mountain lion activity in the Upper Rattlesnake. Cyndi reported she had a deer kill in her yard; she called FWP twice to report this but did not receive a return call. Andrea reported she saw a mountain lion on the trail by the power station. The large population of deer in the upper Rattlesnake was discussed as a motivation for mountain lion presence. Andrea will contact FWP to see if they can provide a speaker for the Ice Cream social this summer to discuss this issue. Kalina will send the team the results of a deer study that was done several years ago by a University of Montana student.
4. Linda Hedstrom works with "Wildfire Ready Lincoln Hills" regarding what can be done to do "fire wise protection" for homes in the Rattlesnake. She contacted Andrea to see if the URLT would want to be a partner in this, perhaps in applying for grants and administering funds. After discussion it was decided the URLT would be willing to write a letter of support and consider having a speaker address this issue at the Ice Cream Social.
5. It was noted email conversations cannot be used to make decisions on issues; five or more members must meet to make decisions.
6. Jeani said a resident asked who they should contact if they have a question regarding ADU'S. Kalina said direct people to the City website that has "Engage Missoula" where people can ask questions about ADU's; Development Services for information on zoning and code compliance, and FAQs regarding ADU's.
7. Jeani said she was also asked whether a business can be run out of a home in the Rattlesnake. Kalina said questions regarding zoning requirements for a

residential business can be answered by contacting the Development Services Office. If parking is an issue there can be restrictions.

8. Andrea said she has been consulted by neighbors regarding some unsafe biking behavior on trails and crossing Rattlesnake Drive by the Parks and Rec Derailleurs Group and asked who should be contacted. Kalina said she will contact Parks and Rec and find out how to handle this.
9. The URLT decided to hold an Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 23rd at Pineview Park. Jeani will contact Big Dipper to reserve the date and work with them on payment. We will ask Doug Grimm if he will be in charge of putting up the signboards to advertise the event. Kathy will have the postcards printed and mailed prior to the event. We discussed having the postcards serve as a ticket for a free ice cream cone. We will also conduct the Ice Cream Social as a general meeting for business purposes.
10. The Upper Rattlesnake Transportation Committee requested having a member of the Leadership Team become a member of the Transportation Committee. Kevin said he will go to all of the meetings. Replacing or repairing the Lolo Street Bridge will be discussed at a meeting of residents of the Rattlesnake Valley. The meeting will be held on May 31st from 6-8 pm at the Rattlesnake Elementary School.
11. The next Community Forum meeting will be on June 22, and Kathy will attend. Leadership Team members will rotate attending.
12. Kalina reported the Neighborhood Cleanup last month was a success and the Neighborhood Grants have been awarded and will be submitted to the City Council for approval.
13. Kevin asked about the status of the Barrow Pit Trail and Terri recommended he contact Bill Ruediger.
14. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 27th at 4 pm. The time has since been changed and the meeting will be starting at 4 pm.
15. Terri moved to adjourn the meeting and Jeani seconded.