

Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team Meeting

September 19, 2023

1. Roll Call: Terri Roach (Co-Chair), Andrea Stierle (Co-Chair), Jeani Alonzo-Adams (Treasurer), Kevin Hunt (URLT), Doug Grimm (URLT), Kathy Gaskill (Secretary), Kalina Pritchard (Neighborhood Specialist), Melissa Glueckert (Neighborhood Specialist), Adriane Beck (Office of Emergency Management, OEM), Kevin Parks (OEM), Dan Doyle (Transportation Committee), Nick Holloway (OEM), Peter Lesica (Lower Rattlesnake Leadership Team), Kathy Tonnessen (Lower Rattlesnake Leadership Team), Marta Meengs (Lower Rattlesnake Leadership Team).
2. Adriane Beck spoke about OEM goal for an emergency planning in the Rattlesnake neighborhood.
 - A. We learn how to be notified by Smart 911
 - B. What evacuation looks like.
 - C. OEM is looking at software options for evacuation and using AI models for prediction.
 - D. Proposal to do a test emergency alert drill in either late winter or early spring, 4-6 weeks prior to doing an in-person drill at an URNC general meeting.
 - E. After drill is over do a review of what happened.
 - F. In late spring do table top conversations regarding how did the emergency alerts work and then get familiar with new model. Perhaps do this in mid-April; Terri will look at dates with Rattlesnake Elementary School.
 - G. Terri asked how we get people to sign up for Smart 911. Proposals included using sandwich boards, email residents with instructions, give flyers to Rattlesnake Elementary School for distribution to students to take home. It was suggested to do this after the holidays.
 - H. OEM will set up meetings with a small group of 2-3 people from the Lower Rattlesnake and 2-3 from the Upper Rattlesnake to work on this.
3. Peter Lesica asked about the impact of increasing housing density in the Rattlesnake. Adriane said the models can look at scenarios with varying densities regarding evacuation. She also said if there are issues, law enforcement will be a big part of solving those issues.
Kathy Tonnessen commented that avalanche management needs to be looked at.
4. Dan Doyle said the next Transportation Committee meeting will be on October 10th, site to be determined. Jeani said she will attend the meeting. Dan also brought up concerns regarding the expansion of Syringa Bike Park that is under the domain of Parks and Recreation on lower Lincoln Hills Drive. Dan said the only way for bikes to access the park is via Lincoln Hills Drive which has relatively high speed traffic. He noted the only

parking area is across the street and there is not a marked pedestrian/bike crossing. Suggestions for making the crossing safer included putting in a raised crosswalk from the parking area to the bike park; putting in a crossing light with push button activation; putting up signage stating no parking in the area. Finally, Dan mentioned that there is not a toilet facility at the Park although this was indicated in Phase 1 of the Bike Park plan.

5. The next portion of the meeting was for general business.
 - A. Andrea made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 27th and the August 23rd meetings; Jeani seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.
 - B. Kalina will pay Big Dipper for the ice cream.
 - C. There was discussion regarding the August Ice Cream Social. It was suggested that if the team hosts another Social to move the ice cream truck further away from the pavilion to keep down the noise level so the speakers can be more easily heard. Team members heard positive comments regarding the speakers and the event.
 - D. Kalina introduced Melissa as a new Neighborhood Specialist. Kalina mentioned there are rebates for citizens who do some home improvements that are climate friendly; information is on the Electrify Missoula web site.
 - E. The next Community Forum meeting is on September 28th and Kevin said he will attend. Neighborhood Grant applications will be available soon on the Missoula Neighborhoods web site and will be due back before Thanksgiving. Up to \$6,000 per project selected will be available.
 - F. Missoula Neighborhoods will be hosting candidate forums in the City Council Chambers from 7-9 pm with Wards 1,2 &3 on October 18th; Wards 4,5 & 6 on October 12th; Mayoral on October 19th. The forums will also be live streamed on MCAT.
 - G. Jeani, Kevin and Terri will be part of the team for emergency planning and will work with the Lower Rattlesnake Group and OEM.
 - H. The next URLT meeting will be on Thursday November 9th from 4-6 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church.
 - I. There was no public comment.
 - J. Andrea moved to adjourn and Kevin seconded.