

Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2024; 4pm
Messiah Lutheran Church

Attendees:

Terri Roach, Co-chair
Andrea Stierle, Co-chair
Jeani Alonzo-Adams, Member-at-Large
Judy Molland, Member-at-Large
Kalina Pritchard, Neighborhood Specialist
Doug Grimm, neighbor
Sue Pileggi, neighbor

1. Terri Roach welcomed everyone and the meeting opened at 4pm.
2. Kalina pointed out that the minutes from the last meeting could not be approved because they had not been submitted to the neighborhood specialists. Judy will send them over.
3. Terri introduced our main topic for this meeting, planning for the Emergency Preparedness event on April 3 at Rattlesnake School. A planning meeting was held earlier this month when representatives of both the Upper and Lower Rattlesnake Leadership Teams met with members of the Office of Emergency Management Team (OEM).
4. A lengthy discussion ensued on publicity for the April 3 event. Kalina suggested we don't have enough money for postcards and pizza. She reported that the Lower Rattlesnake last year paid \$400 for postcards but thought this year we would need as much as \$1100 for printing and postage. The group discussed that in the past we have sent out postcards, but perhaps this year we can make posters and flyers, and also send out emails, create sandwich boards, and promote the event through PSAs. Another idea was to distribute flyers to students at Rattlesnake School to take home to their parents. Kalina suggested the Community Forum might donate money. Terri will also check with OEM to see if they can come up with money to help fund pizza or postcards.
5. Jeani asked about making sandwich boards and Doug, the board creator, led the discussion on what the exact wording on the boards should be.
6. Terri announced that OEM is presenting a slide show and they will bring all the necessary equipment for this. For our part, we need 2-3 tables for pizza, 2 tables for sign-up and also one table which Adrienne Hopkins from Missoula Aging Services and Deb Fassnacht from Watershed Education Network (WEN) will share.



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7. We then discussed further specifics of the April 3 event. Terri announced there will be water coolers. Judy offered to bring hand sanitizers. Terri and Jeani will be in charge of asking the school about tables and chairs. Andrea will be in charge of ordering pizza for both the Upper and Lower Rattlesnake.
8. Terri said everyone should arrive to set up by 5:30 on April 3. She also announced that OEM will send out a Smart911 alert on March 20 and a follow-up on March 27.
9. Andrea proposed we send out email reminders on March 1, March 15 and April 1.
10. Jeani reported on the Transportation Committee meeting of February 13. It was noted that the City asked for more time to review the Committee's recommendations in the lower Lincoln Hills area. The Committee will ask for their comments again in March. Lolo Bridge improvements cannot move forward until they have funds. There is a focus on a new master plan for Parks Recreations Open Space and Trails (PROST). There will be a discussion of trails on March 5 at 5:30pm in the Cooper Room in the Missoula public library. Andrea spoke about how cyclists have been taking over trails in the Rattlesnake Wilderness. Kalina suggested bringing questions about this concern to the March 5 meeting and stated there will be more opportunities to speak in the future. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will take place on March 12.
11. Kalina announced that only 3 neighborhoods came to the last Community Forum, which takes place on the 4th Thursday of month. There was no presentation last month. Kevin Hunt had agreed to be our representative but was not present. Judy agreed to be the alternate if Kevin cannot make it.
12. Kalina announced there will be a neighborhood clean-up on April 27 but it was decided our group will not be officially involved in this event. She also announced that Bearsmart would like to come to our next leadership meeting.
13. Sue expressed thanks for being able to contribute to our meeting.
14. We discussed whether we should have a regular day of the month for our meetings, rather than holding meetings on an as-needed basis. Terri will ask the church for availability.
15. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.