

Minutes from Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team Meeting on April 16, 2024

Attendees

URLT Members

Terri Roach, Co-chair

Andrea Stierle, Co-chair

Jeani Alonzo-Adams, Treasurer and Transportation Committee Representative

Kevin J. Hunt, Community Forum Representative

Judy Molland, Member-at-Large

Other Attendees

Melissa Glueckert, Neighborhood Specialist

Doug Grimm, neighbor

Kay Hough, neighbor

Nick Holloway, Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

Mike Leary, neighbor

1. Terri Roach welcomed everyone and the meeting opened at 4pm. Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes from April 3, and Andrea seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
2. Terri introduced a review of our general meeting on April 3 and noted that the turnout was amazing: 175 attendees. Nick Holloway, deputy disaster and emergency services coordinator for Missoula County, and one of the presenters of the emergency evacuation plans for the Upper and Lower Rattlesnake at the meeting, noted that everything seemed perfect but asked the group about how well the Ladriss model succeeded and whether the scenarios worked. The question of using the saddle road below Mt. Jumbo as an alternate exit was discussed but Nick pointed out this was not a good idea. Comments from the group included a request to repeat questions being asked by attendees, to make sure everyone hears them; a suggestion to make the Ladriss model larger in order to be able to see it clearly; and the report that some people left early because they couldn't hear questions from the audience. Finally, Terri expressed frustration with not being able to reach Rattlesnake School parents and students and Melissa suggested contacting Parks and Rec. to provide child care next time. Terri invited Nick to do a follow-up at the August ice cream social.
3. Terri stated that she had been contacted on the topic of pickleball by Susan Anderson, who wanted the URLT to support the idea of turning one of the three tennis courts at Pineview Park into a pickleball court. Kay Hough explained this is not going to happen because the sport is very noisy and there are houses close by. She did suggest that Gregory Park is a possibility. Terri suggested Kay or Susan should go to the Lower Rattlesnake Leadership Team to seek support, and if they agree, the URLT would lend their support.

4. After a brief discussion, the decision was made to hold an ice cream social in Pineview Park on August 21 at 5:30pm. The first 100 attendees will get a free ice cream. OEM and Bear Smart will be invited to make presentations. Judy offered to contact Bear Smart.
5. Terri reminded us that all Rattlesnake residents should receive a bear resistant garbage container from Republic Services during the month of April.
6. Andrea brought up the issue of bike safety, and related incidences of cyclists behaving dangerously. Kevin mentioned there is a City Council committee to deal with park issues and he offered to attend their meeting to discuss this problem.
7. Terri had heard back from the Church that we cannot set a regular time each month for our meetings. Jeani suggested we take June and July off.
8. Kevin reported on the most recent Community Forum. The group approved three neighborhood grants; Melissa reported they had passed the City Council the previous evening. Representatives of the Fire Department also talked about the Fire Levy in the upcoming election.
9. Terri had been approached at the last meeting by a woman from CERT (Citizens' Emergency Response Team) who had expressed interest in talking to the URLT. Kevin explained how CERT works, but also spoke at length about NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Teams), a much bigger program for which he advocated. Kevin offered to invite a person from CERT to the next meeting.
10. Mike Leary complained about the deteriorating condition of the top layer of asphalt on his street. The group suggested he could contact Eric Melson, or attend a meeting of the Transportation Committee.
11. The next meeting will be held on May 21 at 4pm. The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.