

Minutes from Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team Meeting July 30, 2024

Attendees:

Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team members Terri Roach (Co-Chair), Andrea Stierle (Co-Chair), Jeani Alonzo Adams (Treasurer and Transportation Committee Representative), Kathy Gaskill (Secretary), J. Kevin Hunt (Community Forum Representative), Judy Molland (Alternate Community Forum Representative). Other attendees were Doug Grimm (Sign Maker), Kalina Pritchard (Neighborhood Specialist), Eric Mendelson and Jon Mickelson (Upper Rattlesnake residents).

1. Terri called the meeting to order. Andrea made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2024 meeting and Jeani seconded; minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Eric Mendelson gave a proposal to allow two pickleball courts on one of the tennis courts at Pineview Park. This would involve a portable setup for pickleball and the court could still be used for tennis. Eric noted the only public pickleball courts in Missoula are at Bonner Park, Montana RailLink Park and Fort Missoula Regional Park. Eric contacted residents in five of the houses closest to the Pineview courts and four were in favor of adding pickleball courts and one opposed. Eric estimated the cost of purchasing nets and adding lines to the courts would be approximately \$1,100; he is interested in pursuing one of the Neighborhood Grants for funding. Eric will be on hand to talk to residents at the Ice Cream Social/General Meeting on August 21 and bring a petition form for residents to indicate support or opposition to the proposal. The URLT will consider a motion to support the proposal. Kalina said Parks and Rec is currently reviewing comments from neighbors around Bonner Park regarding noise generated by pickleball and will not add additional pickleball courts to city parks at this time.
3. An Ice Cream Social/General Meeting will be held on August 21 from 6-8 pm at Pineview Park. The first 125 attendees will receive a ticket that entitles them to a free Big Dipper ice cream cone. The Leadership Team will come at 5:30 to set up and Kalina will bring a sound system and table(s). A variety of speakers will talk about issues including bear problems in the valley; bike safety; emergency response situations; Syringa Park and plans to replace the Lolo Street Bridge. City Council representatives for the Rattlesnake district will also be invited. Doug will do the sandwich boards with information about the Social/General Meeting and place them on Rattlesnake Drive and Duncan Drive.
4. Terri did a ride over the Mount Jumbo road from Tamarack to the Marshall Grade Road with Nick Holloway (Office of Emergency Management) and Jeff Gicklhorn (Missoula Conservation Lands Department) to determine if the road was usable in certain evacuation situations. The road has four locked gates, Missoula Parks and Rec

has combinations for all of them. The road was deemed usable depending on factors of the emergency.

5. There was no Community Forum report for June and the Forum did not meet in July. Kevin will attend in August.

6. Jeani reported the Rattlesnake Transportation Committee met on June 11. Items of concern voiced regarded the lack of bus service on the Duncan side of the Rattlesnake; the need for a pedestrian crossing sign at Tamarack and Rattlesnake Drive; vegetation blocking visibility for pedestrians and vehicles at intersections (Kevin was asked to bring this up at the next Community Forum Meeting); speeding concerns; a request to get a park in the area around the vacant Prescott School. Kalina mentioned that the Long Range Transportation Committee is working with Mountain Line to address such concerns as increasing bus service and expanding routes.

7. Kalina said she can help if we hear about or encounter issues regarding storm damage. She asked for a team member to attend the City Council meeting on August 5th and report about issues we are dealing with. Andrea said she would attend and report on our General Meeting addressing emergency evacuation; the Ice Cream Social/General Meeting on August 21; a request for pickle ball courts at Pineview Park and safety issues concerning Syringa Park. Kalina will check the bylaws to see if any Leadership Team members are termed out and an election should be conducted.

8. The next URLT meeting will be held on September 17. Jeani made a motion to adjourn and Doug seconded.