

**Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council Leadership Team DRAFT Minutes, Tuesday, October 8, 2024, Jack Reidy Conference Room, 140 Pine Street, 4:00p-5:15p**

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1. Roll Call: Peter Lesica, Robert Schultz, Kathy Tonnessen, Marta Meengs, Gracie Sanford, Joan Bessac-Steelquist, Ken Brown

Neighborhood Office: Melissa Glueckert

City Council: Eric Melson, Ward 1

Neighbor: Simon Buzzard, Locust Street

2. We approved the June 13, 2024 LRLT meeting minutes.

3. Eric Melson brought us up-to-date on the train horn issue. Some funds have been allocated by Missoula Redevelopment Agency and there may be Federal grants that the City can apply for. He had a meeting with the Mayor and Dale Bickell (CAO) and got the Train Horn project elevated as one of the ten top City Public Works projects. That will allow staff to work on Federal Grants preparation and submission to fund the approximately \$1 million needed for the two crossings.

Peter Lesica had a draft letter regarding the “health implications” of train noise (along with a reference list of health studies). LRLT approved the letter and Peter and Marta will gather LRLT signatures for the letters to be mailed to Mayor Davis and Jeremy Keene with PDF copies emailed to Missoula City Council members.

4. We planned for the November 20, 2024 Lower Rattlesnake General Neighborhood meeting at the Missoula Public Library. Peter will send out the “draft postcard” for review and then get it printed and mailed. We discussed agenda items. Pizza will be provided. Melissa and Kalina will order the pizza to be delivered to the MPL. Marta will bring a cooler of water and Joan will place the Sandwich Boards around the neighborhood.

5. Our LR Neighborhood Budget is \$1200 – to be used for the postcard mailings and pizza at the November 20, 2024 General Meeting.

6. Simon Buzzard (a LR resident) discussed a possible project to improve the Sergeant Gregory Park. He is willing to write the neighborhood project application after he meets with the Neighborhood Office to “scope out” what is possible.