

Minutes from Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team Meeting November 19, 2024

Attendees:

Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team members Terri Roach (Co-Chair), Andrea Stierle (Co-Chair), Jeani Alonso Adams (Treasurer and Transportation Committee Representative), Kathy Gaskill (Co-Secretary). Other attendees were Doug Grimm (Sign Maker), Kalina Pritchard (Neighborhood Specialist).

1. Kalina addressed the recent decision by Parks and Rec to not go forward with any more requests for pickle ball courts at neighborhood parks. Donna Gaukler, at Parks and Rec, said she received new information from City legal Friday and based on their recommendation distance barriers between courts and houses must be met to allow new courts. Because Pineview Park does not meet those requirements the grant application ready to be submitted would not be fundable.
2. Judy attended the Community Forum Meeting on October 24, 2024 and reported most of the meeting was devoted to the Missoula Land Use Draft Plan now under consideration. The Plan encompasses growth policy and was last updated in 2009. Other topics covered were the new water rates and the Camping in Parks Plan.
3. Jeani represented the URLT at the October 21, 2024 City Council Meeting and reported on the Ice Cream Social/General Meeting that was held at Pineview Park on August 21st. She also mentioned the team is working on a survey to get resident input on areas of interest and a grant proposal that is being done by a resident who is proposing reconfiguring one of the tennis courts at Pineview Park to also accommodate pickleball.
4. A discussion was held to determine what type of information the URLT is interested in obtaining from residents and what type of survey should be done. Consensus was to keep the survey short and simple with approximately 5-7 questions. Team members will combine questions that seem pertinent to the Upper Rattlesnake from the Miller Creek Survey and the longer survey. Once the team decides on the survey questions and format Kalina and Melissa will send it out via the email list, help with the platform used and help tabulate the results. The survey will be sent to residents in January.
5. Terri will write a letter to the Missoula Land Use Draft Plan Committee to express concerns the URLT has regarding housing density, especially in the lower Rattlesnake, and how it might impact emergency evacuation times.
6. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm. The next meeting will be held on December 17th.