

Minutes from Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team Meeting December 17, 2024

Attendees:

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

1. Terri called the meeting to order and made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2024 meeting and Judy seconded.
2. Terri sent a letter on behalf of the URLT to Benjamin Brewer (City of Missoula Long Range Planning Supervisor). She requested the Land Use Plan regarding density in the Rattlesnake Neighborhood consider the lengthy evacuation time in case of an emergency. The Office of Emergency Management reported at the Upper & Lower Rattlesnake General Meeting on April 3, 2024 the possibility of a six hour evacuation time under some circumstances. It was decided she would send a similar letter to Eric Melson and Jennifer Savage, City Council Ward 1 Representatives.
3. The topics of housing availability, density, equity, infill, codes, zoning and cost were also discussed and how this may affect the Upper Rattlesnake.
4. Terri composed a draft survey for Upper Rattlesnake residents to offer their opinion on topics such as parks and rec, traffic management and emergency preparedness. The URLT unanimously voted to use the survey and Kalina will prepare it for online distribution to residents as well as scoring/ranking of topic importance. The survey will be sent out by mid-January and response submission will take place from the end of January to mid-February.
5. Judy volunteered to be on the Grant Scoring Committee.
6. It was decided the next Upper Rattlesnake General Meeting will be held in April, date to be determined. Kalina and Terri will coordinate use of Rattlesnake Elementary School. Terri will check with the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to see if someone would be available to inform residents of updates and current considerations.
7. Judy will attend the Community Forum Meeting on January 23rd. Kathy will give a report on current Upper Rattlesnake projects at the City Council Meeting on January 13th.
8. The next URLT meeting will be held on January 21st.