

Minutes from Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team Meeting January 21, 2025

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 Eric Melson (Missoula City Councilman from Ward 1), Doug Grimm (Sign Maker), Melissa Glueckert (Neighborhood Specialist), Jennifer Snorsky (Neighborhood Champions), Dave Everingham (Resident).

1. Terri called the meeting to order. Jeani made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 meeting and Judy seconded.
2. Eric Melson presented information regarding Our Missoula 2045 Land Use Plan that was recently approved by the Missoula City Council. Eric explained that the Plan offers a vision on how Missoula will manage growth. The Plan does not implement policy but guides growth towards more infill and mixed use and working to achieve equity and inclusiveness. Regulations in residential areas in some cases have been relaxed to allow for such things as taller buildings and cottage businesses. Residential areas are ranked from high to low density and this factor is considered when regulations are adjusted. Eric also gave information regarding Cherry Gulch and Rattlesnake Estates, two developments under consideration on the lower Greenough side of the Rattlesnake. Eric shared several links on the City website that address land use and planning for the URLT to become more informed and to share with residents. Eric will attend the UR General Meeting on April 11, 2025 to present information on the Our Missoula 2045 Land Use Plan.
3. The survey to solicit resident's opinions on a variety of issues including parks and rec, traffic management and emergency preparedness will be sent out to the 415 people who are on the Upper Rattlesnake email list at the end of the week and responses will be due back by February 14th. If email response is low it was proposed to have paper copies available at the General Meeting April 11th.
4. The annual Upper Rattlesnake General Meeting will be held on Friday April 11th from 6-8 pm at Rattlesnake Elementary School. The agenda will include items of interest/concern submitted by residents on the survey and potentially an update on emergency preparedness by Nick Holloway, Deputy DES Coordinator with Missoula County Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Eric Melson will be giving a land use plan update at the meeting also.
5. Judy will attend the Community Forum Meeting on January 23rd. Judy was selected for the Grant Review Committee and sent her recommendations, along with other reviewers, to the Committee. The Committee will choose projects and then forward to the City Council. Kathy gave an update on current Upper Rattlesnake projects at

the City Council meeting on January 13th. Jeani said the Transportation Committee had not met so there was no report.

6. Melissa reported applications for the Local Government Academy were closed. She said \$1,153.49 is available to spend for the General Meeting and other expenses. Melissa will bring a projector and check on a sound system for the meeting. An election will be held at the meeting for the Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team which will be open to all residents.
7. Dave Everingham said the Lolo Street bridge project is in the stage of signing grant contracts to study and access the project. He said the current director of the project, Shane Stack, is retiring and the project will potentially be underway in 2026.
8. Andrea made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jeani seconded the motion.
9. The next URLT meeting will be held on February 18th.