

Minutes from Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team Meeting March 18, 2025

Attendees:

Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team members: Terri Roach (Co-Chair), Jeani Adams (Treasurer and Transportation Committee Representative, Judy Molland (Co-Secretary) Other attendee was Kalina Pritchard (Neighborhood Specialist).

1. Terri called the meeting to order. Jeani made a motion to approve the minutes from February 17, 2025, and Judy seconded.
2. The main agenda item was to finalize details of our General Meeting to be held on April 11 at Rattlesnake School from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.
3. After attendees have helped themselves to pizza and cookies, Terri and Andrea will introduce the members of the Leadership Team.
4. We will then give an overview of the survey the team emailed to Upper Rattlesnake residents and discuss the findings of our survey and how we are addressing them.
5. Speakers will follow. Tim LaRoche, Missoula County wildfire manager, and Nick Holloway, from the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will address wildfire preparedness. Eric Melson, Ward 1 Council Member and Emily Gluckin, Associate Planner with the City of Missoula, will discuss the Land Use Plan for Missoula. Steve Gaskill with PROST will talk about current Parks and Recreation issues and planning. The final item will be voting for members of the Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team. In addition to presentations, there will be tabling by the Watershed Education Network (WEN), the Rattlesnake Creek **Watershed Group (RCWG)** and Bear Smart.
6. Terri reported that Doug Grimm is planning to make our sandwich boards. It was decided that these should give the date, time, and place and verbiage should include wildfire preparedness, land use and Parks plan update. Terri will relay **this information to Doug**.
7. Since no URLT member attended the Community Forum last month, there is no report. Judy will attend the next Community Forum, on March 27.
8. Jeani attended the Transportation Committee on February 24. The Committee will be focusing on code reforms outlined in the 2045 Land Use Plan in upcoming meetings. Other 2025 priorities will include reviewing the Prost report, looking at increased bus frequency and adding Westside bus service, a trail from Broadway to the Rattlesnake wilderness, Syringa bike park safety, and safety issues south of Rattlesnake School.
9. Jeani attended the Community Investment Program (CIP) meeting on March 5, which was a City Council work session. Various options to build and fund more sidewalks/upgrade roads were discussed. It was noted that the Rattlesnake Drive **project to upgrade the road and sidewalks is ranked 77/100**.
10. The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm. There will be no monthly meeting in April, owing to our General Meeting on April 11. The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20 at 4 pm.