

## **Minutes from Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team Meeting    June 17, 2025**

Attendees:

Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team members: Terri Roach (Co-Chair), Jeani Alonzo Adams (Treasurer and Transportation Committee Representative), Kathy Gaskill (Co-Secretary). Other Attendees were Doug Grimm (Sign Maker), Melissa Glueckert (Neighborhood Specialist), Lucas Moody, candidate for Ward One City Council.

1. Terri called the meeting to order and made a motion to approve the minutes from March 18, 2025 and Jeani seconded.

2. Plans were discussed for the Ice Cream Social/General Meeting to be held from 6-8 pm at Pineview Park on August 20, 2025. Kalina has reserved the park; Melissa will bring a speaker system and tickets for residents to obtain their free ice cream cone. Jeani is working with Big Dipper and the truck will be at the park at 5:45. There will be 125 cones available for residents and an additional 10 for the speakers and URLT members. The total cost was determined to be \$738; this will be covered by the \$870.59 available from the yearly allotment of Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood funds.

3. Speakers at the Social will be Kelsie Alling, Water Quality Specialist from Missoula Public Health who will talk about the new Household Chemical Disposal Center next to Home Resource. Jason Mitchell, Chief of Public Works for Missoula County, will be contacted to talk about the Lolo Street Bridge replacement plan. Eric Melson, Ward One City Council Representative, will talk about Missoula Project 2045 and the two new subdivisions proposed for the lower Rattlesnake on Duncan Drive. Chris Servheen and Jamie Jonkel from Bear Smart will talk about the required use of bear resistant garbage cans and other bear issues.

4. Terri obtained handouts to have available for residents at the Social with emergency preparedness information.

5. Melissa said funds available to the Upper Rattlesnake from the Office of Neighborhoods for 2026 will be approximately \$1,550.

6. There was not a Community Forum Meeting in May so nothing to report.

7. Jeani reported topics discussed at the Transportation Committee Meeting included biker/pedestrian safety on Duncan Drive. One idea offered is the possibility of using an easement from the horse farm owners who are across from the trail access to the North Hills to widen bikers/pedestrian space. Jeani said Bob Giordano is going to meet with Ben Weiss, Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Manager, to discuss what citizens can do to facilitate safer bike and pedestrian commuting. Bob is also looking into alternatives to pavement in Greenough Park to make the path safer and to use more environmentally friendly materials. The possibility of a pedestrian crossing over Rattlesnake Creek by

Fox Farm Road and Creek Crossing was discussed; Jeani will contact persons who worked on the pedestrian bridge across the creek on upper Duncan Drive regarding feasibility. The next Transportation Committee Meeting will be on June 24<sup>th</sup> and the future use of Prescott School will be one of the topics on the agenda.

8. The lack of visibility of the stop sign on Lolo Street/Duncan Drive was mentioned and Melissa will contact Missoula Public Works regarding this.

9. Doug mentioned the former Chinese cemetery in the lower Rattlesnake and Terri said there was a recent dedication and placement of a plaque to commemorate the Chinese cemetery located by Sargent Gregory Park.

10. The next URLT meeting is July 15, 2025. Jeani made a motion to adjourn and Kathy seconded.