

Minutes from Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team Meeting July 15, 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 Doug Grimm (Sign Maker), Kalina Pritchard (Neighborhood Specialist), Cindi Erler, Upper Rattlesnake resident.

1. Terri called the meeting to order. Jeani made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2025 meeting and Judy seconded. Minutes were approved.
2. Cindi Erler asked about the discussion at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding a pedestrian crossing bridge over Rattlesnake Creek at Fox Farm Road and Creek Crossing. Jeani reported she had spoken to someone who worked on the pedestrian bridge that crosses at the top of Duncan Drive and the concept for a second bridge could be similar and only for pedestrians and not vehicles. The discussion for a second bridge was raised via the Upper Rattlesnake Transportation Committee as a means to connect more of the trails in the Upper Rattlesnake.
3. Details for the Ice Cream Social that will take place on August 20, 2025 at 6 pm at Pineview Park were discussed. Terri will have handouts from the Office of Emergency Management addressing evacuation preparedness also known as “The 6 Ps of Evacuation”. Kelsie Alling, Water Quality Specialist from Missoula Public Health, will talk about the new Household Chemical Disposal Center next to Home Resource. A representative from either the county or city will give an update on the project to replace the Lolo Street Bridge. Eric Melson, Ward One City Council Representative, will give an update on Missoula’s 2045 Plan. Jamie Jonkel is scheduled to give an update on the Bear Smart program and use of bear resistant trash cans in the Rattlesnake.
4. Doug Grimm will put out informational signs advertising the Ice Cream Social.
5. Kalina reported topics presented at the June Community Forum Meeting included an update regarding the Fort Missoula Museum.
6. Jeani reported the Rattlesnake Transportation Committee did not meet in July.
7. Kalina addressed the topic of neighbors in the Lower Rattlesnake expressing concern over the possible sale of Prescott School. She said MCPS will hold listening sessions in August and an open house in September to discuss the issue.
8. Andrea asked if there had been any discussion about previous concerns regarding safety and traffic around Syringa Bike Park; no one had heard anything regarding Syringa . She also brought up a concern about a large group of cyclists riding

through the trails from Lincoln Wood to the Rattlesnake Recreation Area and wondered if that type of trail could be designated for pedestrians only. Judy said she would contact someone she knows associated with the Mammoth Bike Club Missoula that sponsors weekly rides.

9. Kalina said the Office of Neighborhoods will schedule Leadership Team Facilitation Training this fall. The Office of Neighborhoods will also hold candidate forums for City Council and for the Mayoral elections this fall.
10. Judy made a motion to end the meeting and Jeani seconded.