

Minutes From Upper Rattlesnake Ice Cream Social and General Meeting Held at Pineview Park on August 20, 2025

1. Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team Co-Chairs Terri Roach and Andrea Stierle introduced members of the team including Jeani Alonzo 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) and Melissa Glueckert (Neighborhood Specialist).
2. Terri called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Terri asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the 2024 Ice Cream Social and General Meeting. Bev Young called for the motion and Doug Grimm seconded; the motion was approved.
3. Terri told attendees there were informational cards on the sign in table with the “6P’s” addressing readiness for emergency evacuation and SMART 911 information on how to sign up and then receive emergency notifications. Terri also mentioned an App called “Watch Duty” that has wildfire updates.
4. Andrea introduced Kelsie Alling, Water Quality Specialist with Missoula Public Health. Kelsie is in charge of the new Household Chemical Disposal Center next to Home Resource at 1515 Wyoming St. Kelsie talked about the importance of keeping the aquifer we use for drinking water clean and how this can be achieved by properly disposing of household chemicals. Kelsie covered what items are accepted, hours of operation and cost. She also mentioned that there are discount coupons available for Rattlesnake residents.
5. Jason Mitchell, Missoula County Chief Public Works Officer, was going to give an update on the Lolo Street Bridge replacement project but was unable to attend. Terri told attendees the most recent update is that the project is set to begin next spring and be finished by fall of 2026.
6. Eric Melson, Ward One City Council Representative, gave an update on Our Missoula 2045 Land Use Plan. Eric talked about aspects such as the Plan not dictating policy but addressing what is possible in terms of growth in and around Missoula. The current focus of the Plan is on providing guidance for developing codes for the city to follow for future growth. He mentioned “Engage Missoula” is a good resource available on the City of Missoula website to obtain information and give comments.
7. Jamie Jonkel from Bear Smart and the FWP Bear Management Team reported that bear activity and conflicts in the Rattlesnake are down significantly from previous years. He attributes this to an abundance of natural food/berries available at higher elevations and the use of bear resistant trash cans in the entire Rattlesnake

neighborhood. He also reported there have not been any moose sightings in the Rattlesnake and minimal mountain lion reports. He did mention there have been a few grizzly sightings in the Rattlesnake Recreation area. He concluded by mentioning people who are concerned about the number of deer in the Rattlesnake can join the Urban Wildlife Committee to work on the situation.

8. After the presentations residents were invited to make comments and ask questions. There were a number of questions from the audience, particularly for Eric.
9. Kalina asked if any attendees were interested in joining the Leadership Team but no one indicated interest.
10. The meeting was adjourned.