

**Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting
Minutes, Wednesday, October 20, 2025, Ryman Street Conference
Room, noon to 12:40p,**

1. Roll Call: Peter Lesica, Robert Schultz, Kathy Tonnessen, Marta Meengs

Neighborhood Office: Kalina Pritchard (on Zoom), Melissa Glueckert

Neighbors: Fred Rice, Maureen Martin-Brown, Rus Summers, Laura Fox

2. We approved the LRLT meeting minutes from October 16, 2025.

3. We discussed the contents of the letter regarding zoning changes that the LRLT will send to City Council, the Project Team and the Mayor. The draft letter was written by Marta Meengs and Fred Rice over the weekend. Kathy Tonnessen added a short paragraph.

4. Melissa will send the “final draft” of the letter to Marta. She will send the letter from the LRLT onto the Project Team, City Council and the Mayor. She will also send the final version of the letter to the Leadership Team members. We can bring some copies to the LR General Meeting for people who might be interested.

5. Vote to adjourn at 12:40pm.

Oct. 20, 2025

To the Our Missoula Project Team, Mayor Davis, and the Missoula City Council,

Lower Rattlesnake citizens have expressed concerns about the new zoning map for the Lower Rattlesnake neighborhood. Neighbors are concerned about how the current insufficient infrastructure is supposed to handle the increased traffic and parking that would accompany the density that the new zoning map makes possible. Neighbors cite their everyday experience with regularly backed-up traffic, incomplete sidewalks, and deteriorating streets. Several people expressed concerns about safety during emergencies where the evacuation routes are limited. Adding additional units to this already stressed infrastructure without developing a plan to address the current deficiencies is premature.

Along with the concern about the increased density is concern about the possible changes for the Prescott School area. The open space area is one of the only flat, open space areas for activities such as sports and sledding (a sledding hill that has been enjoyed by children for decades). Our neighbors expressed the wish to see the old Prescott building used as a type of community center.

Another big concern is that the west side of the Lower Rattlesnake is facing two developments. The neighbors have commented at length on the problems with these permitted developments: Disruption of wildlife migration, vehicle-wildlife collisions, stream erosion, lack of bike/pedestrian lanes on Greenough Drive, lack of Mountain Line service, lack of emergency egress routes, increased road noise and congestion

Thank you for caring and reading over the concerns of our Lower Rattlesnake neighbors.

The Lower Rattlesnake Leadership Team