

Minutes from Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team Meeting December 16, 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 Kalina Pritchard (Neighborhood Specialist).

1. Terri called the meeting to order. Judy made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2025 meeting; minutes were approved.
2. The first item discussed was the Community Forum Meeting held on December 4th and attended by Jeani and Judy. They said about one third of the neighborhoods had representatives and there was a good representation of younger people. Kalina gave a power point review of all the neighborhood projects for 2025. She noted some projects were similar but were approached in different ways. Judy said Kalina gave an excellent presentation on the projects. One neighborhood used a product called "Door to Door" that involved printing postcards addressed to "Neighbor" with information pertinent to the neighborhood and upcoming events. A list of resident addresses was then purchased from the USPS and the postcards were sorted by address in groups of 100 and given to the USPS for the route driver to deliver. Using this method was about three times less expensive than doing a regular mailing so the URLT will consider using this method.
3. Plans for the spring General Meeting were discussed next. Confirmation for holding the meeting in April will be in January when Rattlesnake School has their calendar locked in; Terri will follow up on this. Jeani will look into a School Properties update. She will also contact the City Transportation Office for an update on the Lolo Bridge replacement project and the Syringa Park and Soccer Fields safety issues, in particular the installation of a safety cushion. Ward 1 City Council members will be contacted to see if they are available to attend and give updates.
4. Public comment on the MCPS audit results and plans will be held from February 23rd to March 16th and that MCPS will release its plan on April 14th.
5. Kalina said applications for Neighborhood team members to participate in the Local Government Academy to take place in February will be available soon. The purpose of the Academy is for participants to learn more about how the city government works. Kalina reported the Upper Rattlesnake has \$767.81 in the budget. These funds will be available for pizza at the General meeting, expenses for doing the sandwich boards for the General Meetings and for mailings.

6. Jeani reported the Transportation Committee met and discussed a variety of topics including goals for 2026 that included safety, the possibility of and impacts of the sale of Prescott School, possible trail connection from Broadway to the Rattlesnake Wilderness and follow up of the train whistle survey.
7. A meeting will not be held in January and the next meeting will be February 17, 2026.
8. Kathy made a motion to adjourn and all agreed.