

Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2012 at 7 PM at the Messiah Lutheran Church at 3718 Rattlesnake Drive, Missoula, MT 59802

Leadership Team members in attendance were: Emily Plant, Susan Snetsinger, Caroline Lonski, Doug Grimm, and Max Andersen.

Guests were: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Liaison; Doug Harby, Missoula Public Works Project Manager; John Wilkins, Missoula City Council Member; Jason Wiener , Missoula City Council Member.

For neighborhood members in attendance, please see sign-up sheet

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:05 PM. Introductions followed.

Item 1. Doug Harby presented the status of the street improvement projects. Lolo Street widening and sidewalk is complete. Van Buren street improvements have begun from I-90 to Elm St. **with concrete curb and gutter. Parking bulb “in” are provided to separate bike path from parking.** Fill and grading for sidewalk has begun. The work is projected to be completed in 3 phases and will be continued next year. After approximately 3 years the project will receive a chip and seal. Other projects next year will include improvements on Lincoln Drive and Greenough. Completion of projects are relative to availability within the Public Works budget. Doug Harby responded to questions from the members. Questions included concerns for safety for bike riders and pedestrians on Rattlesnake Drive where there is no shoulder. The feasibility study for off road trail extension was brought up and a request for volunteers to take charge on the project was made by the Chair.

Doug also elaborated on the new Rattlesnake Creek Bridge and trail project. Grading has begun on the trail to connect Pine at the fire station to Van Buren at 5 Guys Burgers and Fries .

Laval Means, OPG, presented the issues related to the ADU public hearing and open house at the city council. Definitions on the Accessory Dwelling Unit specifically addressed units that are attached to or included within the owner occupied residence. Concerns related to neighborhood real estate value impacts, building conditions and regulations, proper enforcement, additional traffic and parking, were raised by the members. The Open House is scheduled for October 22, 2012.

Drew Levebvre presented the Rattlesnake Creek Watershed Group community awareness work for reducing the bear attractants in the neighborhood. A Bear Aware and Apple Share community event is scheduled for October 28, 2012 from noon to 4 PM the Ten Spoon Winery. The event has several activities such as a raffle, apple pie recipe contest, cider press and more. It is a fundraiser also and is sponsored by the Ten Spoon Winery, Great Bear Foundation, and more. The Bearapple.org website has additional information regarding the community event and has phone numbers to assist the residents to get help in gleaning apples from the trees.

Caroline Lonski stated that the Upper Rattlesnake page on Facebook is active and is available for posting additional information and or comments related to the neighborhood.

An announcement was made regarding the Volunteer of the Year Award awarded Posthumously to Jim Hausaur. A tree is planted in Franklin Park in his honor.

Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Liaison, made announcements regarding the availability of grants for neighborhood projects. Large grants \$3000 and small grants in the amount of \$500.

Elections were held to elect the next Leadership Team. Three vacancies were filled by 3 volunteers from the neighborhood after a brief discussion on the floor: The following members were unanimously elected without objections:

Chair: Emily Plant

Vice Chair: David Harmon

Treasurer: Don Sims

Secretary: Max Andersen

Community Forum Representative: Caroline Lonski

Alternate Community Forum Representative: Doug Grimm

Parliamentarian: Beverly Young

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Next LT meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2012 at 10 AM at Rattlesnake Gardens Café.

Submitted by Max Andersen, Secretary, on October 17, 2012