

**Minutes January 17, 2014 for the Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council.**

**The meeting was held at Rattlesnake Garden and was called to order at 9:00 AM**

Officers in attendance were Doug Grimm, Emily Plant, Max Andersen, and Beverly Young. Jane Kelly Missoula Neighborhood Coordinator attended and assisted during the meeting. Quorum was present.

Old business:

Vice Chair and Treasurer positions are unfilled

Minutes of September 11, 2013 were approved with minor grammatical corrections.

Public Comments: there were no public comments

General Meeting preparations - (planning for next GM)

Election of officers - Jane will at the beginning of the GM make a short presentation for duties and functions of the Neighborhood Committee in order to solicit interest in the City and neighborhood activities.

Jane suggested that a list of issues for possible discussion be available on an issue board and in a mailer: This list is likely to include for discussion: Neighborhood watch, on neighborhood gardens, traffic issues, train issues, and issues of wild life and human interaction.

Jane suggested that we look into Uprinting - design page yourself on line - logo - Jane will email earlier available logo.

Beverly and Doug discussed the use of a drawing for a free dinner in order to encourage attendance at the GM meeting. Doug met Rattlesnake Gardens manager for possible free dinner drawing.

Earliest possible GM Date was reviewed. The mailer notification cards for GM take 3 days to set up printing and another 3 days for mail out. Early week of March with potentially March 9 as a GM meeting date appeared to work for every body. The Lutheran Church being the location and the meeting time was preliminarily set at 7PM - 8:30PM.

GM neighborhood issues of interest could include I - 90 interchange update - detour for traffic during construction - Emily will contact Shane Stack, wild life and human interface could include deer population, bear proof big cans Republic waste, Green Ways - PEASE farm land sale - general development plan of the rattlesnake area - North Loop Run community activity (start at Pineview park) - speed limit consistency - (pick one speed for the entire area in order to lessen confusion about the speed limit) - cell phone towers - flashing lights at school has raised one objection - bus service - earliest bus is 7:30 am - bus levy.

New meeting schedule: Emily has conflicting meeting times and proposed a change to URNC meeting time to Monday at 9:00 am - meeting time to change after election - meantime each meeting time will be noticed - Next meeting time is scheduled for February 14, 9:00 AM at Rattlesnake Garden.

Doug proposed blinking light at Lolo especially now with longer coal trains and possibly increase in the train traffic. It is also possible to obtain an Application (App) for the crossing occurrence.

New business:

Jane mentioned that 1) the City of Missoula is soliciting nominations for outstanding volunteer of the year. 2) Bus tour of neighborhoods is scheduled April 17 - 5 to 8 pm (will include bag dinner) - 3) City is trying to get summit training - conference speaker training could include Director of Neighborhood Community Actions Seattle, Bernie Agor. The summit training date could be September 2014. 4) this year marks 42 years since last constitutional convention, a possibility for redefining local government. Missoula government was defined through non partisan elections. The next opportunity is coming up in June primary election. Missoulian will do bios on candidates.

Duties assigned:

Doug to solicit the door price as free dinner at the Rattlesnake Garden. Emily will charge cost for mailout and submit charges for reimbursement. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM

These meeting notices were prepared and submitted for review and approval by Max Andersen, Secretary URNC.

