

## **Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 16, 2015

Time: 5:45 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Missoula International School  
1100 Harrison St.  
Missoula, MT 59802

*In attendance: Katherine Auge, Peter Lesica, Martha Newell, Bob Giordano, & Paul Hendricks*

*Quorum was reached.*

*Others in attendance: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator*

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1. Consideration of support of letter of improvements about the Roundabout design at Orange St. and Van Buren St.

*Each member read the letter. Bob briefly explained the maps of the proposed changes for each intersection. Peter motioned to approve the letter. All members voted to approve the letter.*

2. Consideration of support of a letter regarding the use of Pentachlorophenol Treated Wood in Greenough Park

*Each member read the letter. Brief discussion about the intention of the letter which is urging the council to consider this topic but not calling for a specific action at this time. Martha motioned to approve the letter. All members voted in favor of supporting the letter.*

3. New Business: *No new business*

4. Public comment on non-agenda items: *No public comment items*

5. Announcements: *No announcements*

*Submitted by: Katherine Auge*

September 16, 2015

To: City of Missoula

From: Lower Rattlesnake Leadership Team and General Neighborhood Council

Re: Pentachlorophenol on Greenough Bridge

Dear City of Missoula,

The Lower Rattlesnake Leadership team and the General Neighborhood Council are concerned about the use of Pentachlorophenol ('penta') on the wood bridge decking near the southern end of the Park. We are fully supportive of keeping infrastructure maintained and operational, yet we request that more natural preservatives and/or materials be used for such projects.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 90 countries voted to completely ban the use of Penta, due to evidence linking this chemical to cancer, as well as to deficiencies in the blood, liver, kidney and immune systems of people.

We request that the City of Missoula find a way to remove the Penta treated wood as soon as possible. Without removal, off-gassing will likely occur for years or even decades, children and others will continue to play on the bridge (sometimes with bare skin contacting the decking), and it is likely that the Penta is migrating into Rattlesnake creek, affecting the health of our community ecosystem.

If the City cannot remedy this situation, our neighborhood may be able to help find money and volunteers to make the bridge healthy for all.

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

Lower Rattlesnake Leadership Team and General Council.

September 16, 2015

To: City of Missoula, Montana Department of Transportation  
From: Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee, Leadership Team and  
General Neighborhood Council  
Re: Roundabout design for Orange/I-90 and Van Buren/I-90

Dear City of Missoula and Montana DOT,

The Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee, Leadership team and the General Neighborhood Council are concerned about the design of the upcoming roundabouts to Orange/I-90 and Van Buren/I-90. While we recognize the general safety and flow benefits of modern roundabouts when compared to traffic signals, we are requesting some modifications to improve the safety for people walking and bicycling.

The 3 primary concerns with regards to the Van Buren Roundabouts are excessive motor vehicle speed, the pedestrian crossing of the 'slip lane' that goes onto I-90 and the bicycle crossing of that same slip lane. These 3 concerns are illustrated on the back of this letter, as shown by the Missoula Institute for Sustainable Transportation.

With regards to the upcoming roundabout at Orange/I-90, the primary concern is, again, the excessive speed that can be obtained by motorists coming off the Interstate. Excessive speed is a leading factor in crashes and also a leading factor in perceived safety and comfort, especially for those on foot or on bike.

Missoula is a leading city for making walking and bicycling both safe and enjoyable, and we therefore request that the City and State modify the roundabout design to better accommodate these modes of transportation.

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee, Leadership Team and General Council.

**Van Buren I-90 Interchange: Roundabout A Good Choice,  
Yet 3 Main Safety Issues Need Addressing; From: MIST, 2-12-13**

