

## Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2016 @ 6:30 PM

### Messiah Lutheran Church

3718 Rattlesnake Dr.

Missoula, MT 59802

Leadership Team Members Present: Bev Young, Robin Carey, Doug Grimm, Breanne Ender, Bill Ruediger

Others Present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, Pam C. Wright, Rattlesnake Elementary Principal, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West

There were approximately 38 people in attendance.

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#### Agenda:

6:30 – 6:40 Welcome and History of Neighborhood Councils – Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator

6:40 – 6:55 Update on Rattlesnake School – Pam C. Wright, Rattlesnake Elementary Principal

6:55 – 7:00 Department of Transportation Posters

7:00 – 7:15 Update on Town-Home Exemptions and Current Status of Woodland Estates – Bryan von Lossberg, City Council

7:15 – 7:25 Leadership Team Elections – Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator

7:25 – 7:40 Q & A with City Council Members – Bryan von Lossberg and Heidi West

7:40 – 7:45 Comment on Non-Agenda Items

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Robin Carey, URNC leadership team president, facilitated

**Jane Kelly:** Polling place for our area has changed to Messiah Lutheran just for the November election. There are \$3000 grants for neighborhood improvement projects. History of Neighborhood councils.

**Pam Wright,** Principal Rattlesnake School: Two phases for the remodeling/expansion project. What's left are the additions on the back and front of the building and this portion should be finished over winter break. Three classrooms were added and a multi-use art space. Library is better connected to rest of school and there's an overall better connectivity within the school. The Rattlesnake project was budgeted at \$4 million +.

**DOT Van Buren Roundabouts:** attention directed to posters. We invited folks to contact Jane Kelly to get contact information for Shane Stack.

**Brian von Lossberg,** City Councilman speaking on Town Home Exemption: City council made some changes based on concerns raised about Woodland Estates and other developments. A compromise

was crafted where proposed developments are 5 units or less: they are allowed to use original town home exemption with administrative approval. For 6 units and up the ordinance now requires conditional use review and approval by City Council. Public notification is now required of all projects. There's a spectrum of review required but it's less than full subdivision review. The administrative review is reflected in lower costs passed to the home cost.

Woodland Estates: information from Mike Haynes, Development Services Office: zoning compliance permit (ZCP) expired in 2015. Further proposed development will require a new ZCP, public notice and meeting requirements of the changed townhome ordinance. County GIS map should be changed to reflect the one existing lot, not the 12 proposed lots.

**Leadership Team Elections:** Two positions are open. Nominations: Andrea Sterling, Hans Hoffman. Doug Grimm moved that we elect them by acclamation, Bill Ruediger seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Q&A with City Councilors:**

Orange Street Roundabout process is moving forward right now, so that's a preview of what will happen at Van Buren. Orange St should be finished in the spring, 2017.

Madison Street bridge repairs are starting soon, after the Bobcat/Grizzly game, and that will affect Rattlesnake traffic. Communications will be coming out in the Friday Digests. Pedestrian paths will stay open on either side of the river.

Urban deer – practically every neighborhood has a concern about deer population. Deer are not really under the jurisdiction of City Council; deer are technically “wards of the state” and issues are handled through Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Jon Wilkins of City Council has tracked this issue the longest. Bill Ruediger spoke about the information he presented to City Council; basic cost of \$500/deer to “remove” and that would need to be done annually.

Fence ordinance – a revision allows electric fencing and higher fencing to deter wildlife. Wildlife fencing has been adopted in the fence ordinance. There's an appeal process that could allow wildlife fencing in front yards where people might want to garden. Go to City website, fencing ordinance. Also there's another site, [www.missoulabears.org](http://www.missoulabears.org) that tracks bear sightings.

Forest Service Rattlesnake Thinning Project – folks should go up and take a look. City Councilors have. Piles will eventually be burned.

Tourist Homes - City Council has adopted a Tourist Home ordinance that affects short term rentals in residentially zoned neighborhood homes. This affects rentals of 30 days or less of the entire house or unit (e.g. Accessory Dwelling Unit). New ordinance says that tourist homes are allowed if they are registered and follow certain regulations. There will be a complaint registry. Office of Development Services will prepare a Tourist Home information packet.

Q: What's happening with the Syringa Bike Skills Park on Lincoln Hills Drive? Contact City Parks & Rec.

Q: What about an extension of the bike/pedestrian path further up the Rattlesnake? Ben Weiss is the City bike/ped coordinator. One of the issues is that both city and county roadways are involved. Grant Creek path is a good example. Bob Giordano is looking for UR participants on a transportation

committee; his phone number is 830-7676. Costs could be defrayed with hardened surfaces rather than asphalt.

Q: What is the impetus for background checks on gun sales? The Police Dept did not request this but they will enforce it. The question was about whether there was a demonstrated need for the background check. Intimate partner homicides and suicides were two of the compelling reasons.

Public comment on non-agenda items:

Jeanne Jocelyn spoke about the closure of Prescott School and the bussing of middle school students to Washington. Her interest is in putting the school back into the public system for our neighborhood. She referenced a paper: Dollars and Sense: the Cost Effectiveness of Small Schools. She'd like a Rattlesnake Valley School committee.

350 Missoula: Free buses are going to Butte to demonstrate at Northwestern Energy, on Monday Oct. 10. Their interest is in solar and wind energy. Informational cards were distributed.

Speakers:

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CHANGE OF POLLING PLACE LOCATION FOR RATTLESNAKE SCHOOL:

Due to the construction of Rattlesnake School, the Rattlesnake polling location for precincts 91E and 91W will be relocated to the Messiah Lutheran Church on November 8, 2016. The polling place hours will be from 7am-8pm on Election Day.

Voters should visit [www.MyVoterPageMT.com](http://www.MyVoterPageMT.com) to see if they are on the absentee list (vote-by-mail) or if they should appear at their polling place location on Election Day 11/8. This change of location will reflect on the MyVoterPageMT.com in the coming days.

The Messiah Lutheran Church is located at:

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3718 Rattlesnake Drive

Missoula, Montana

Affected Precincts:

Rattlesnake 91E

Rattlesnake 91W

For future federal elections following the November 8 Election, the Rattlesnake precincts will be moved back to the Rattlesnake School.

Submitted by: Bev Young