

Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council Leadership Team

August 27, 2018; Rattlesnake Market

Attending: Robin Carey, President; Bill Ruediger, Hans Hoffman, Bev Young; Karen Gasvoda, Office of Neighborhoods

1. Approval of [January 2, 2018](#) leadership team meeting minutes and [February 11, 2018](#) general meeting minutes. These were discussed briefly; they had been previously reviewed/approved.

2. Trail from Lincolnwood entrance to existing trail at Fox Hollow Rd. Karen previously provided documents about prior work towards a trail. Most new trails have to be ADA compliant per Robin; at least hard if not paved; signed, etc. Missoula comprehensive transportation plan shows a bike path going up Rattlesnake Drive. Any trail work should be planned in conjunction with this.

Bill is interested in just improving the existing rough trail, making it slightly wider and leveling it out. He'll take on heading this up. There's money from the Cornerstone subdivision that could possibly be used. **Hans moved that we support a large grant application for improving the borrow pit trail, in principal. Robin seconded and all approved.**

3. We discussed when to have our general meeting. Several folks are gone in Sept/Oct, so we decided to have the meeting in February. There is interest in having a joint candidates/issues forum with Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council.

Bill moved that we have a joint candidates' forum with the LRNC. Hans seconded. All approved. Bill thinks that we should track how many folks attend to see if it's worth our investment for future candidate forums. We asked Karen to relay this to their Leadership Team (LRNC), with them to organize. The weekend of Oct 19/20 would not be a good time to have a meeting for various reasons.

Large grant applications are due Oct. 25 and a grant application workshop will be held on Sept. 17. Hans is interested in a frontage trail at Syringa Park. Karen showed us the weighting scale for rating the large grants. Citizen support has the highest weight factor, followed by community support and financial support. Instructions, scoring and ranking information can be found at this site:

<https://ci.missoula.mt.us/304/Neighborhood-Grants>

Possible topics for the general meeting: Syringa bike park, UR/LR transportation committee, Connecting Trail to NRA, tree plan (Chris Boza), Removal of Rattlesnake Dam

4. Resources Page - Karen handed out the specific Upper Rattlesnake resources page, a new hard copy information sheet to be distributed at general meetings.

5. Review Bylaws - there's a new template approved by city attorney that we could use to update our bylaws, which were last amended in 2012. If we change these, then they would need to be posted for 15 days prior to the general meeting. We will discuss this at our January leadership team meeting. Karen gave us the template both in hard copy and electronically.

7. Public comment on non-agenda items - none

8. Community Forum Report – Karen said that Emily Brock from the Fairgrounds spoke at the last forum about proposed changes. They can be found here:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/59bc472df9a61ebc1fe389d3/t/5b0db240562fa72bdd6d2957/1527624292578/MCFG+Design+Guidelines+May+24+Web+Version.pdf>

9. Office of Neighborhoods Report – they had a work study student this summer who's gone to back to school. They will be getting another.

10. Announcements – none

Meeting was adjourned by Robin.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bev Young, Secretary