

Rattlesnake Neighborhood Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

7pm – 8pm

The Break Espresso

Introductions: Bob Giordano (Co-Chair), Tom Carlson (Secretary), Dan Doyle

Meeting Minutes: Approved minutes from October 11, 2022 meeting with no changes

Agenda Review: Added discussion of action items identified in October meeting minutes (see below).

Public Comments on Non-agenda Topics:

- Notice of meeting was not received via the City listserv. Tom will follow-up with Kelly Elam, Missoula Neighborhoods.
- Greenough Drive bike lane changes – The committee will discuss results of re-striping and identify any possible future modifications at the February meeting.
- Bus stop location and maintenance – Mountain Line recently responded to a complaint about a stop on Rattlesnake Drive near the Clark Fork School by acknowledging the concerns and stating that they plan to begin implementation of an improvement plan this spring. Dan will identify existing hazards (including snow removal) and possible improvements needed in the neighborhood for discussion at the January meeting and a follow-up letter to Mountain Line.

Old Business (from October meeting minutes):

Presentation of Transportation Plan to neighborhood council meetings:

- Bob presented the plan at the recent Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council meeting and provided a handout which listed the goals, objectives and priority projects and will follow-up with the Leadership Team to seek plan approval.
- Dan will present the plan and provide the handout at the Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council meeting to be held in January and seek approval.

Review URGENT priority projects from plan:

- The committee will include this topic in the January meeting agenda.

Project priorities 2023:

Lolo Street bridge rehabilitation project (Missoula County Scope of Work):

- Bob reviewed the County Commissioners meeting where this project was discussed. He received verbal agreement to involve the committee in the process.
- Bob will send a letter to the County Commissioners and contractor DJ & A highlighting the committee's concerns for a bridge design that addresses safety issues for all transportation modes (vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, bus) and reiterating the committees' desire to be involved in the planning and design phases of the project. The letter will also identify the opportunity for coordination with City staff to ensure that both the bridge design and City street management are meeting the same goals and objectives.

Rattlesnake Drive Borrow Ditch Trail:

- Bill Ruediger passed along information (after the October meeting) that 98% of residents who signed a recent petition favored reconstruction of the existing ditch trail. Bill is following up with Ward 1 City Council members.

Other neighborhood projects (from Ben Weiss and city planners):

- Bob reported that he had a conversation with Ben Weiss who reviewed the draft project list and stated that there were no Rattlesnake neighborhood projects identified. The project list will be finalized in February 2023.

Committee positions and elections

After discussion the committee agreed that the committee structure will remain unchanged and that there is not a need for by-laws at this time.

Co-Chair – Bob Giordano, Co-Chair – Emily Jensen, Secretary – Tom Carlson

Other agenda items

Committee participation, communication, notice of meetings to potential participants:

The committee discussed various ways to get the word out about upcoming meetings and decided on the following actions (which Tom will do).

- Use the Listserv to post the draft meeting minutes from the previous meeting and the draft agenda for the upcoming meeting, along with the place, date and time of the meeting as soon as possible each month (after review by the Co-Chairs).
- Ask Kelly Elam to post notice of the upcoming meeting on the City Digest.
- Post a meeting notice on the Nextdoor Neighborhood forum.

- Contact Kelly Elam and Parks and Recreation staff about posting meeting notices on neighborhood trailhead information boards.
- Include the committee e-mail address in all meeting notices to help collect public comment.
- Identify a monthly meeting location after investigating use of the City MRA conference room, City library, Rattlesnake Market, and the Lutheran Church.
- Confirm best meeting time with Fred Rice.

The committee also considered use of sandwich boards to advertise meetings and asking a member of each neighborhood council leadership team to join in.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, time and place TBD.