

Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council Leadership Team (URLT) Meeting

June 27, 2023

4:00 PM

Messiah Lutheran Church, 3718 Rattlesnake Dr.

1. Roll Call: Terri Roach (Co-Chair), Andrea Stierle (Co-Chair), Jeani Alonzo-Adams (Treasurer), Kathy Gaskill (Secretary), Kevin Hunt (URLT) , Judy Molland (URLT), Kalina Pritchard (Missoula Neighborhood Specialist), Adriane Beck of the Missoula Department of Emergency Services, Leslie Vaculik, Doug Grimm, Pete Lesica (Lower Rattlesnake Leadership Team)
2. Meeting Minutes for May 2nd. 2023 URLT meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Andrea and seconded by Jeani.
3. Adriane Beck presented information from the Office of Emergency Management regarding disaster preparation and citing wildfire as the number one hazard for the Upper Rattlesnake. Evacuation planning was cited as an area of interest by the URLT. Adriane suggested the URLT form a planning team to prioritize what needs to be done for the UR; Terri, Jeani and Kevin volunteered to be on the team. Kalina will strategize on how to get more residents to sign up for Smart 911 that opts them in for emergency notifications. Information on emergency preparation will be handed out at the Ice Cream Social.
4. Kalina reported that she had a conversation with Donna Gaukler at Parks and Rec regarding trail etiquette concerns for the Derailleurs Group. Donna said she would address this with the instructors and encourage them to emphasize this with their riders. Leslie commented she sees the need for biking safety measures to also be addressed at Rattlesnake Elementary School and has spoken to the Physical Education teacher in this regard. Andrea stated that this is a bigger problem than just this one group-people do not seem to know biking regulations and it is an important safety concern. Jeani spoke to the Physical Education teacher and Ben Weiss, Missoula Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager, regarding getting a flashing cross walk light at Rattlesnake Drive and Pineview Drive.
5. The new budget of approximately \$1,500 will be available to the Upper Rattlesnake Council on July 1st.

6. Kathy reported the June 23rd Community Forum discussion mostly centered on housing concerns in Missoula. Judy will attend the next meeting on August 24th.
7. The Ice Cream Social will be held on August 23 at Pineview Park as a General Meeting from 6-7:30 PM. Andrea arranged for speakers to address problems with urban deer and mountain lions. Revised Bylaws for the Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council will be voted on at the Social/General Meeting. The Revised Bylaws are currently available on the city website. An agenda for the Social/General Meeting will be posted on the city website two weeks prior to the event. Postcard invitations to residents will be mailed two and a half weeks prior to the event. Doug Grimm will create the “sandwich board” posters advertising the Ice Cream Social which he will position along Rattlesnake Drive the week prior to the meeting.
8. Kalina reported Kelly Elam has moved on from the Missoula Office of Neighborhoods so questions should be sent to Kalina. Kalina has organized training specific to neighborhood team members to be held in August and November, details to follow.
9. Kevin was not able to attend the June Neighborhood Transportation Committee meeting but will attend the meeting on July 11th.
10. Jeani commented that the crosswalk had been repainted on Lolo Street at Missoula Avenue, following chip-sealing.
11. The next URLT meeting is scheduled for September 19 at 4pm at the Messiah Lutheran Church.
12. The meeting was adjourned.