

Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council (URNC) General Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2010

Mary Louise Zapp-Knapp, chair, called the meeting to order. Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Catharine Carey was elected secretary.

Jan Hoem reported on some changes in subdivision regulations: planned neighborhood clusters are gone; there must be 80% compliance with surrounding zoning or a natural buffer; conservation encourages 60% open space; the city may require improvements for health, safety, and welfare; provisions for variances; increased hillside slopes are permitted; narrower traffic lanes are permitted; there are no requirements to comply with comprehensive plans.

Ann Cundy, senior transportation planner at Office of Planning and Grants (OPG), reported that the 2001 Active Transportation Plan (non-motorized transportation including sidewalks, trails, and bike lanes) was being updated this year. Projects will be prioritized for when federal money becomes available. It will be adopted as an amendment to the current growth plan.

Mary Louise reported that we had received a neighborhood council grant of \$3000.00 for a feasibility study of a pedestrian/bike trail along upper Rattlesnake Drive. She is meeting with the county to explore the possibility of a continuation of the feasibility study on the county right-of-way up to Sawmill Gulch Road, the entrance to the Rattlesnake Recreation Area.

Transportation concerns which had surfaced at prior URNC and various transportation committee meetings were discussed and the areas of most concern are as follows:

- A pedestrian/bike trail from Creek Crossing to Saw Mill Gulch Road
- Lowering the speed limit on Rattlesnake Drive from 45 to 35 mph.
- Removing bulbouts on Rattlesnake Drive near Rattlesnake School
- Sidewalks/bike lanes on Rattlesnake Drive from Lolo St. to Creek Crossing
- Sidewalks/bike lanes on Duncan Drive from Lolo St. to Peas Farm
- Sidewalks/bike lanes on lower Lincoln Hills Drive (Rattlesnake to Apple Lane)

Members unanimously approved the request for UNRC to give support to neighbors' efforts to have: a "blind curve" and "25 mph" signage on Rattlesnake Drive past Siesta Drive where there have been accidents; a guard rail on the creek side at the intersection of Siesta Drive and Rattlesnake Drive.

Greg Larson, 370-4233, announced that his son was raising money for pheromone packets to control pine beetles and invited neighbors to participate. Robert Dillon, of Dillon Tree Service-542-5485, offered his services to educate private land owners about ways to control beetles and assist in obtaining the pheromone packets.

Catharine Carey, secretary