

Minutes Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood meeting, May 21, 2012.

The meeting started at 10 AM, at the Rattlesnake Gardens Café. Those in attendance were Emily Plant - Chair, Rhonda Holle - Vice Chair, Susan Snetsinger - Treasurer, Max Andersen - Secretary, Cristal Dyer - Intern Community Outreach, and Bob Giordano (Member Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood and representing the Missoula Institute for Sustainable Transportation

Guest: Bob Giordano Lower Rattlesnake

Old Business: Informal wrap up of the April 29, 2012 General Meeting. Max distributed draft minutes from the April 29 meeting and identified the bylaws document for posting by the City of Missoula. Max will meet with Intern Cristal Dyer, Missoula Neighborhood Outreach for reformatting and posting of bylaws.

Emily will review the State interchange project at I-90 and Van Buren via email with Shane Stack subsequent to the April 29, 2012 meeting for discussion of questions and additional details. Emily will distribute e-mail.

The minutes for the April 29, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Max pointed out two necessary changes to the minutes (adding the number of attendees and incorporating the sign-in sheets as attachment). There were no objections and the minutes will be forwarded to the City for posting.

New Business: Bob Giordano started a discussion of “Dog Bone project” - two roundabouts at the I-90 and Van Buren interchange. Bob has serious concerns about the safety . The safety of the walkers and bikers will be threatened if the lanes in the roundabout are banked. Another difficulty is the handling of two lanes of traffic coming from Broadway. That makes it difficult for pedestrians and bicyclists to cross the bypass lane of the on-bound traffic for EB traffic on I -90. Bob showed a schematic of the proposed changes for discussion and outlined the difficulties. He recommended that we would ask the City for addition time for the comment period. Bob is representing Missoula Institute for Sustainable Transportation. Considerations for the additional traffic due to inconvenience created by the additional coal train traffic has not been considered because it is considered an unknown. Bob to send letter to Emily asking for more time. Bob mentioned that complete traffic signal control for both ramp intersections were considered. Such a system can eliminate the conflicting moves but will create a significant amount of delays. Bob suggested that we could ask for an additional public meeting for comments to MDT.

Cristal Dyer mentioned Sunday Streets in Missoula and asked for volunteers to man the information desks.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2012 at 10 at rattlesnake

Adjourned - 10:50 AM