

Minutes of August 9, 2013 for the Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council
The meeting was located at Rattlesnake Gardens and was called to order at 9:05 AM.

Officers in attendance were Dough Grimm, Beverly Young, Emily Plant, and Max Andersen. Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Liaison, attended the meeting.

Old business:

Emily Plant requested a report on the status of the URNC Bylaws. Beverly Young reported there has been no request for changes to the bylaws. The approved Bylaws are posted on the City's website.

The treasurer Don Sims has moved away from the Rattlesnake community and has given email notice that he has relocated to the Philippines. The position of Treasurer is now vacant. The URNC will call for volunteers. URNC will review the possibility of accepting an interim treasurer at the September meeting that is scheduled for the second Friday of the month, September 13, 2013 at 9:00 AM at Rattlesnake Gardens.

The treasurer's report was not available. Therefore, Jane Kelly provided the following information: UNRC has \$800 available in the budget. The grant project application deadline is October 7, 2013. The amount for the large grant is \$3000. A total of \$18000 is budgeted for all large neighborhood project grants. The individual neighborhood small grant is \$500. A total of \$2000 is available for the small grants.

Approval of the Minutes of the May meeting was called for. Jane Kelly, made copies available for the read. The minutes were approved with the correction of the spelling of Bod Luceno.

New Business:

There is a possibility for a Candidates Forum in October, 2013. Ward 1 will need to elect City Council members. The candidates are Bryan Von Lossberg and Patric Maddison. Tentatively the October meeting is scheduled for October 13. Jane suggested part of Missoula included in Ward 1, Upper Rattlesnake Lower Rattlesnake NC - North side be invited to the meeting. It was generally agreed to attempt to include these neighborhoods as invitees to the October 13, 2013 general meeting and candidates' forum.

Beverly proposed a neighborhood grant idea: Safety at the street crossings at the Rattlesnake Elementary School can be improved by installing a "Please use flag for crossing" - crossing tool. This will require the mounting of a couple of PVC tubes and acquisition of flags.

Emily reported on the Cornerstone block efforts to lower the speed at the school bus stop on Rattlesnake Drive near Cornerstone. The City Council reported that the area is under the State of Montana jurisdiction. It was possible to have a temporary speed limit assigned prior to a speed study. The speed limit now 35 mph - temporarily lower. The

State has to approve the permanent speed limit after completing the speed study.

Emily opened the discussion on A Safe Trail To School project. The purpose of the project is to provide a safe sidewalk and/or bike trail along the Rattlesnake Drive north from the Lincoln Woods. Emily reported that former Councilman Dave Strohmaier suggested applying for a grant through Parks and Recreation. The deadline for the Parks grant applications is March, 2014. The Grant Creek Community successfully obtained a grant for a similar project. It is noted that the City has agreed to maintain part of the Grant Creek trail through the County area.

Grant Creek has scheduled an Ice Cream Social for September 3 or 4, 2013 and has filed for a 50136 for tax free contributions. Additional information will be e-mailed out when available.

Emily reported on an increase of bike theft in the Rattlesnake community. The thefts apparently include the more expensive high end mountain bikes taken from open garage or not secured locations in front of the residences. Jane asked if the URNC would be interested in setting up a Neighborhood Watch community at \$2 per household and suggested that UNRC contact Bob Scheben, Crime Prevention Officer, for a presentation at the October 13, general meeting.

There was no general public input at the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13 at 9:00 AM at Rattlesnake Gardens. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM

This report is filed prepared by Max Andersen, Secretary, on August 25, 2013.