

**Minutes of September 11, 2013 for the Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council
The meeting was held at Rattlesnake Garden and was called to order at 9:00 AM.**

Officers in attendance were Dough Grimm, Emily Plant, Caroline Lonski and Max Andersen. Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, attended the meeting. Also in attendance were Martha Newell and Peter Lesica, both representing Lower Rattlesnake community.

1. Emily opened the meeting and self introductions followed.

Emily called for an approval of Minutes of August 9, 2013. The Minutes were approved without call for changes.

2 Public Comments on Non-Agenda items:

Emily stated that a neighbor had submitted information to the Missoulian as a comment on sidewalk at Cornerstone. The comment was published in the Missoulian and stated that when Cornerstone was developed there was money set aside for the construction of a sidewalk on Rattlesnake Dr. Also, Caroline mentioned that Black bears have been seen in the community and reminded the LT to take food and trash out of reach of the bears.

3. Planning on upcoming Candidates Forum:

October 13, 2013 was considered for a meeting date for Candidates Forum. A concern for lack of attendance due to October 13, 2013 falling on the Columbus day weekend was mentioned by Caroline. Peter stated that he has already contacted the candidates for the Ward 1 Council seat. Peter suggested that the proposed meeting location at the Lutheran church on Rattlesnake Dr. probably would be too small. Martha stated that it is difficult to find an open time for a meeting room at the public library. Jane mentioned that the Children's theater has a meeting room available and that it would accommodate sufficient number of residents. Peter mentioned also that the meeting room at Rattlesnake school is of sufficient size and can be rented at ½ cost on school day. Word from Councilman, Jason Wiener, included a recommendation for candidates' forum time to be limited to 45 minutes to 1 hour long. Emily mentioned that the ballots are to be mailed out October 21st. A brief discussion regarding a consideration for including all candidates plus mayoral candidates in the candidates' forum meeting concluded with the consensus that the meeting would be excessively long.

October 6th and October 20th could be considered as better dates for having the candidates forum and/or the general meeting; however, Peter mentioned that feedback from the candidates suggested that October 13th might be a good date. Caroline will contact the neighborhood councils from North Side and from Lower Rattlesnake for input.

The general meeting (GM) agenda will include:

1. Election of LT members; nominations taken from the floor.
2. Neighborhood Watch Formation
3. Grant Project Report
4. Transportation Committee Report

5. Public Comment on non-agenda items.

4. Duties assigned:

Caroline will contact the neighborhood councils for joint mailer and joint attendance for candidates' forum.

Emily will contact the candidates regarding their availability for the candidates' forum and determine appropriate date for candidates' forum date.

The location is to be Children's Theater and Peter will draft information flyer for mailout to be coordinated with Emily.

The date for Candidates Forum and for URNC GM will be announced.

Martha will contact Children's Theater regarding meeting room and Jane and Emily will coordinate for email notices for the date for the candidates forum and general meeting time.

Caroline will send letter to City of Missoula Transportation Committee for possible presentation at GM.

5. Announcements: Jane made three announcements. Leadership workshop is Sept 19 6:30pm, Grant Creek trail meeting was successful in raising \$40,000 for the implementation of the Grant Creek Trail project, and additional funds are available for the neighborhood council's Project Fund grants due to funds being carried over in part because of the Community Garden project not being realized.

6. UR Transportation Issues:

Next URNC meeting is scheduled for November 8th, 2013 at Rattlesnake Garden at 9:00 AM

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Although not specifically included in the announcements, we are taking the opportunity to congratulate Jane Kelly with the new title as Neighborhood Coordinator. We are fully appreciating all of Jane's excellent work in helping Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council staying on track with the community efforts. Thank you Jane.

These minutes are prepared by Max Andersen, Secretary URNC and submitted for consideration September 11, 2013.