

Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: January 30, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Rattlesnake Gardens
2501 Rattlesnake Drive
Missoula, MT 59802

Leadership Team Members Present: Doug Grimm, Max Andersen, Bill Ruediger and Beverly Young.

Others Present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, Corena Maurer, Neighborhood Assistant, Bob Giordano, Lower Rattlesnake and Emily Jensen.

It was noted that 4 officers were present and a quorum was established.

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1. The Need for Wildlife Friendly Fences in Missoula – Bob Giordano, on the leadership team for Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council. He observed a deer in the fence at the Pineview Park. The deer was cut loose. Bob proposed starting a neighborhood action that would explore residents' interest in getting wildlife friendly fences in the Rattlesnake neighborhood and the City of Missoula. Several issues were discussed related to the urban deer problems. Bob Giordano and Bill Ruediger will formulate a plan for presentation at the General Meeting.
 2. Trail Update - There is no update to the plan for extending the trail from current terminus on Rattlesnake Drive up the borrow pit area parallel to the road to the trail head. Bob Giordano suggested that the trail is needed to increase public safety. The trail issue could be included in issues brought up at the General Meeting. Bob Giordano has formed a Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee focused on examining the ability to coordinate with road right of way, clean up of borrow pit area where path already is located and the ability to start a fund drive for realization of the trail extension. Bob Giordano will speak with the Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee to see if they are interested in becoming an Upper and Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee.

General Meeting: URNC was unable to hold the General Meeting in October 2014. A GM is scheduled for March 2015 continuing the relevant issues. The neighborhood can schedule a meeting at the Rattlesnake Elementary school for no cost. An alternate location is the Lutheran Messiah Church. The proposed meeting date is March 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM at Rattlesnake school or church. Beverly will reserve the meeting location for the GM. The dinner time was proposed as a meeting time and there was a general agreement that URNC

would acquire pizza from local business as was done with the January 28, 2015 LRNC GM- The URNC need to hold election of officers to fill vacant positions, bring up the urban deer problem and Bill Ruediger proposed bringing an educational PowerPoint presentation on the urban deer. Also included in the GM agenda should be trail continuance for public safety. Bob Giordano stated that the Lower Rattlesnake Trail Committee would be interested in working with an Upper Rattlesnake Trail Committee and mentioned that we could improve the current trail by having a clean up day relocating rocks off the trail. Bob offered to acquire maps that identify current trail locations. Jane suggested that we make babysitters available during the meeting.

(Related to the reservation of the meeting location the following is added by request: For reservation of the meeting location at the Lutheran Messiah Church, the appropriate contact is Lyle Grimes at 406 549 4070. Lyle requests a 2 month lead time)

(Also added email notice related to the reservation of the meeting location per request: The church appears not to be available. To reserve the School please contact:

Kara Tortorich, Operations and Maintenance Specialist,
Missoula County Public Schools
915 South Ave W, Missoula, MT 59801
406 728 2400 x 3030

There will be a cost associated with compensation to a janitor as he/she is required to be present at the meeting Sunday night and it is not a regular work day for the janitor.)

Beverly will email Shawn Sternick for meeting as moderator

The tentative schedule would include:

Pizza from 6 to 6:30 PM
5 min introduction
10 min on neighborhood councils
15 min trail committee
20 min by Bill on deer management
5 min election of Officers
(Modified as necessary)

3. Community Forum Report – Doug Grimm has continued to eloquently represent the Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood.
4. Office of Neighborhoods Report and New Business – Jane Kelly - There is \$5000 available in small grant project fund. Anyone can apply for a small grant. Also the upcoming bus tour is scheduled for April and will include the Upper Rattlesnake

Neighborhood. Three potential sites include PEAS FARM, TRAILHEAD and TEN SPOON VINYARD as interest points for the bus tour. Jason Wiener will be contacted to present a statement on trail head. Due to time constraints only one stop can be considered on the entire tour. There was no consensus on the location for the stop. The bus tour committee will decide the actual stop.

5. Public comment on non-agenda items – Doug Grimm discussed the number of trains crossing the tracks and placing a signal flashing at Lolo turn when a train is present. The fire station has a flashing light signal for when a train is occupying the train tracks. Doug proposes requesting a flashing signal continuation at Lolo either ends. Doug will speak at City Council public comment on this issue.

Bob mentioned that when biking in the winter and spring there is a problem with dust. The City will sweep up dust and gravel when it is 32 degrees and the climate is dry. Using Psyllium seed that is not toxic and mixing with clay to harden creates a sustainable pavement alternative to asphalt.

6. Announcements - Neighborhood bus tour date to be distributed via email. (April 16, 4:45 PM bus leaving at 5:00PM)

Adjourned at 11:35AM

These minutes are submitted by Max Andersen, Secretary URLT on Feb 2, 2015