

Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: May 29, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Rattlesnake Gardens
2501 Rattlesnake Drive
Missoula, MT 59802

Leadership Team Members in Attendance: Max Andersen, Bev Young, Doug Grimm, Robin Carey
Others Present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, Jen Durella, Dan Cottrell, A.J. Russell, Missoula Osprey

1. Small Grant Request (Solar Panels for Clark Fork School) – Molly Ray Cottrell - Dan Cottrell presented the proposal to construct Solar Panels for Clark School. Bids for 26 panels were received from Big Sky and SBC Solar for \$20,000. A grant offer from NorthWest Energy was made for \$8,000. Dan was pursuing other donations. So far they have raised \$4,000. A brief discussion followed regarding pursuit of the \$3000 neighborhood project grant.
Motion made by Bev to support the small grant effort, second by Robin Carey. The motion carried unanimously. There were no objections.
Bev also mentioned a possible application for a neighborhood grant to repair of steps to Tom Green Park.
Dan will apply for small grant and large grant to cover acquisition and installation from SBC SOLAR. He will also schedule an open house after the start of the project.
2. Neighborhood Night at the Ballpark – A.J. Russell, Missoula Osprey Ticket Sales Executive - The activity would include a Can food drive. The event is scheduled for August 18, 2015 and would allow for Two for One tickets. Additional info in hand out. Bev Young offered to be coordination contact person for the acquisition of tickets. Bev Will ask Rattlesnake Gardens staff and Ten Spoon Winery staff to post a sign up sheet for ticket sales.
3. Syringa Park Bike Skills Area (Parks and Rec would like 1-2 members of URNC to help with the design, etc. It will be brought forth to the NC at a later date.) – Jane Kelly - Friends of Syringa Parks (Jane Kelly presenting), park belongs to County, City will accept if offered. “I ride for Tanner” has a fund drive. This is 3rd possible site for riding skills. IMBA has offered to participate in developing a plan. City is asking for neighborhood input. Additional comments were made by Jen Durella regarding a discussion in the neighborhood suggesting that the neighborhood could be involved in the pending review of development plans. Jane asked if there was an interest by leadership team (LT) members to take lead on developing a plan. There was no show of interest on the LT.
4. Rattlesnake Neighborhood Plan (Here is a link to the Plans Page: <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/1506/Plans-and-Regulations>) – Robin Carey presented the Rattlesnake Neighborhood Plan.
The Growth plan being considered by the City addresses a higher density in the North Area of the Upper Rattlesnake neighborhood than earlier agreed upon. An earlier law suit regarding density of development ruled in favor of the neighborhood association and denied Subdivision development plan for 37 units. Current Maps shows densities based upon slope. A 20 year old document provides current

development guidelines. Robin suggested that there is a need to respond to City Council with the community's input. Jane suggested getting City Council member Jason Wiener involved and getting together with Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council. Jane will start a doodle poll for best meeting date and suggested requesting a presentation by the City's Planning Departments.

5. Review Leadership Team Positions (All positions are filled except Vice Chair) –
Community Forum Rep – Doug Grimm
Community Forum Alt – Bill Ruediger
Chair – Shawn Sternick
Vice Chair – Robin Carey
Secretary/Treasurer – Bev Young
Parliamentarian – Max Andersen
No Assignment – Tom Gignoux
6. Comments on Trail Extension/Road Crossings - Max offered comments on the Mountain View crossing of Duncan in view of letter by Sarah Millar and on efforts to get trail extension past current terminal near entrance to Lincoln Woods. There was no call for action.
7. Follow up on Doug Grimm's Suggestion on a Railroad Flashing Sign – Doug Grimm provided updated comments on the traffic on Greenough at the Rail Crossing and the efforts to construct signal. Washington Rail Service has stated that rail traffic has dropped. The problem of waiting has apparently decreased and the request for a warning signal has been dropped. (Traffic could pick up in the future). Rail traffic appears to be routed through Whitefish. Doug has talked to City Council/ City Engineer/ The Mayor/ the Rail Road and Fire Chief.
8. Community Forum Report – Doug Grimm reported on the community forum. Last meeting was a good show with all neighborhood councils present except one. Dave Chrismon was awarded the outstanding neighborhood volunteer of the year award.
9. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Jane Kelly provided the Office of Neighborhoods Report. Meetings are on Webcast and on the City's website. Use internet explorer to open. Jane also reported that the City is trying to get traffic circles adopted. 27 of 44 are adopted. 39 people and 4 groups have volunteered to care for landscaping in the traffic circles. The City is making an effort to be wildlife friendly and provide wildlife habitat. www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife. A Wildlife Habitat Certification for your yard can be obtained at a cost of \$20.
10. New Business - All to review growth plan before next meeting. Call for meeting of URNC and LRNC. Development services office is at City Hall/first floor. Joint meeting for LT members to comment. Make recommendation to City on Plan. Robin to write email to both LT's for meeting on growth plan. Jane will attempt to schedule a meeting with a doodle poll.
11. Public comment on non-agenda items - None
12. Announcements – None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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What is important to the Upper Rattlesnake Neighbors?

1. Urban Deer – 33 Votes
2. Non-motorized Transit infrastructure –16 Votes
3. Bus Service – 15 Votes
4. Speed Limits – 13 Votes
5. Peas Farm Land – 12 Votes
6. Cell Phone Towers – 11 Votes
7. Safe Routes to school – 9 Votes
8. Managing Human Bear interface – 8 Votes
9. Neighborhood watch – 7 Votes
10. Greenways – 7 Votes

Missoula Osprey

Neighborhood Night!

August 18

First Pitch: 7:05 p.m.

Get your neighbors together for a Missoula Osprey game! Join us for Neighborhood Night and watch your Osprey take on the Orem Owlz!

- Reserved seating – all of your group members will be able to sit together!
- Tickets will be printed in advance – no waiting in line!
- Your neighborhood will be recognized at the game!

Groups of 10 or more receive discounted tickets at \$5/person.

Pre-game BBQs are also available.

Additionally, anyone who brings a canned food item to the game will receive a 2-for-1 ticket voucher for the Sept. 2 game, and will be entered into a drawing for an autographed Osprey memorabilia item!

Save money and enjoy a fun filled night of Osprey baseball and community.

Contact A.J. Russell for more information or to make a group reservation!

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Minutes submitted by: Max Andersen