

## Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: January 29, 2016

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Location: Break Espresso  
432 N. Higgins  
Missoula, MT 59802

Leadership Team Members Present: Bob Giordano, Peter Lesica, Katherine Auge, Kathy Tonnessen, Martha Newell, Paul Hendricks

Others Present: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator

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1. Discussion of any follow-up on items from the General Meeting -The LT moved to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2015 General Neighborhood meeting. There was considerable e-mail discussion of the Greenough Bridge penta issue. There is still no resolution on that. Might consider applying for a neighborhood grant (max \$3000) to replace the boards. No response to the letter on the issue of the Orange Street roundabout.
  2. Update on the Van Buren Upgrade Project – Update on the I-90 Interchange/Noise Wall – Update on the Train Horn Issue – Peter Lesica - The Orange Street Roundabout project will happen in 2016; the Van Buren noise wall and roundabout are scheduled for 2017. The train horn issue is on hold. The “third section” of the Van Buren reconstruction of the road/sidewalk/bike path is on hold (section from Holly to Missoula Ave). Peter will write a letter to stress the importance of getting that section done.
  3. Neighborhood Tree Committee – Kathy Tonnessen - Attended the December 2015 meeting as the Lower Rattlesnake representative. She will not attend future meetings due to schedule conflicts, and uncertainty of how the neighborhood will be involved with tree selection. Suggestion is to get discussion of neighborhood input to urban tree plan at the next General Meeting.
  4. Status of the Lincoln School and the Universalist Fellowship Church - Update was included in the minutes of the Upper Rattlesnake meeting, January 10, 2016. Member of the Schoolhouse Addition HOA requested that a statement be added to the record. See attached.

5. Planning for Next General Meeting - Suggest April 2016 and August 2016 Leadership Team meetings and a General Council meeting in September/October. Some discussion about cost of mailing out announcements. LR has sufficient funds.
6. Community Forum Report – Katherine Auge- There was discussion of neighborhood budgets. Also a note about the Property Information System on the city web site, see Weekly Digest.
7. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator - Volunteer award nominations are due. She added a web address for “how to report potholes” to the weekly digest. Bus tour of the neighborhoods will be third week of April. There will possibly be some redrawing of neighborhood boundaries, and the possible addition of two new neighborhoods.
8. New Business - There is concern about the fate of the Prescott School when MIS moves in summer 2017. Would like to start discussions with Mark Thane (and others) about options. Jane Kelly will contact folks about attending an April LT meeting.
9. Public comment on non-agenda items - None
10. Announcements – Bob Giordano - He will convene a meeting of the transportation subcommittee to make progress on road and trail issues in both the Upper and Lower Rattlesnake.

**Jane Kelly**

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**From:** F. T. Petrilli <ftpetrilli@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2016 1:34 PM  
**To:** Jane Kelly  
**Subject:** request....  
**Attachments:** STATEMENT TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD.docx

good afternoon

we understand that a meeting is scheduled on Friday for the Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council leadership team and that a representative from the UUFM (church) is on the agenda to give an update from their perspective .....as it turns out, several of us are out of town until at least the end of next week and so not available to attend...considering that a lawsuit has been filed and working with our attorney, the attached statement was prepared to be read at the meeting in opposition to the proposed acquisition of the school house property,

as alternative to presenting it in person, I am sending you a copy and ask that you read it into the record, or make it a part of the record, and give a copy to the council's leadership team....as you know, we attended the recent Upper Rattlesnake meeting to indicate our continuing objection

in the interest of giving equal consideration, unless I hear from you otherwise, I will take it as this request will be honored....in the alternative, I could try to get another representative to attend but hope that won't be necessary...it is a matter best left to the courts at this juncture

thanks and regards  
Phil Petrilli  
Schoolhouse Addition HOA member

**STATEMENT TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD  
LOWER RATTLESNAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 29, 2016**

UUFM has mounted a campaign to spread its one-sided message by appearing at meetings and in news media opinion columns. Because a law suit has been filed on the dispute between homeowners, the Church, and MFCU, the proper forum is now the courts, and based only on facts and relevant law. There is no extemporaneous discussion or debate that can be had at this juncture that will supercede a finding by the courts, when that occurs.

The home owners are simply protecting their legal rights afforded to them under the covenants that attach to their property, and that MFCU and the Church are attempting to trample on. We object to what MFCU is trying to do and we feel it is inappropriate for the Church to attempt to sway opinion and to by-pass having the case properly heard before a judge.

This matter should not be before the Neighborhood Council, and the homeowners object and will not take part in any discussion or make any further comments.