

Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes

Date: April 23, 2019

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Missoula International School
1100 Harrison St., Missoula, MT 59802

Members in attendance: Jane Kelly, Danni Moore, Peter Lesica, Kathy Tonnessen, Katherine Auge, Paul Hendricks, Bob Giordano

6:00 Pizza & Socializing

1. Living with urban wildlife - Erin Edge, Rockies & Plains Representative, Defenders of Wildlife. Erin Edge gave a report on wildlife activity in the Rattlesnake area. There has been a cinnamon back bear in Greenough Park. Reports of black bear and mountain lions in the Upper Rattlesnake. A reminder to take down bird feeders and put away garbage as to not attract any animals. Visit missoulabears.org to report or read about any wildlife activity.
2. Greenough, Jumbo, Waterworks Hill Q & A - Morgan Valiant, Conservation Lands Manager, Missoula Parks & Recreation. Morgan discussed the 2018 open space bond and the plans in motion to upgrade trails on Waterworks Hill. There will be an ADA complaint loop for all accessibility. They will be breaking ground in the fall. The removal of the lower intake dam in the Upper Rattlesnake is going through its final adaptation. There will be an ADA loop as a part of the plans for that park as well. Morgan also discussed the Mount Jumbo closing the past winter and avalanche warnings. Go to the city webpage for more details on trails and to report violators of the closure.
3. Landscaping sound wall & roundabouts - David Selvage, Parks Services & System Superintendent, and Missoula Parks & Recreation. David passed out copies of what the landscaping plans against the wall will look like. Grading is complete and irrigation and seeding has started. There will be 35 new trees and the grass will be a blend of native grasses to the area. There will be some reconstruction of sidewalks and paths. David is still working through and getting bids put together for FEMA to repair the erosion in Greenough caused by prior flooding.
4. Soil wall mural - Kathrine Auge gave an updating on the plans for a mural on the Southeast walls of the roundabout project. They put out a call to artists and 4 bids will be interviewed.
5. There was an election and reelection of the Lower Rattlesnake Leadership team. The leadership team is now Danni Moore, Peter Lesica, Kat Tonnessen,

Katherine Auge, Paul Hendricks, Bob Giordano (Reelected) and Robert Schultz and Danny Tenenbaum. 1st Bob Vasquez 2nd Paul Hendricks

6. Bryan von Lossberg & Heidi West Did a question and answer with attendees. The city is working on getting around to all of the potholes in the area. You can visit the city site to report any potholes. Concerns about the pothole repair were that some potholes are being skipped that are next to or close to those reported. There were concerned attendees about snow removal in the neighborhood. The council members will take those concerns and ideas on how to fix it with them. They will be looking into why there was a partial street repair on Harrison as well as the concern for the sidewalks on Vine & Poplar Street. Storm water utility will be coming around and doing repairs on storm drains. There was talk about the orange barricades at the Duncan Drive exit. Jane Kelly has determined that Burlington Northern owns the land.
7. Updating the 2011 transportation plan - Bob Giordano talk about how they are updating their 2011 plan. They are taking ideas from the community, there will be a survey going around, and improving transportation. They meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month.
8. Deciding neighborhood priorities. Jane Kelly hung large signs in the back of the room. Each attendee got three stickers to put next to their most top neighborhood concerns. New concerns were added to the list. These will be discussed by the leadership team at their next meeting and brought to the next neighborhood general.
9. Public comment on non-agenda items. Concern about the status of Prescott school. They are still at a standstill with anything happening.