

Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Date: March 27, 2015

Time: 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Location: Rattlesnake Gardens
2501 Rattlesnake Drive
Missoula, MT 59802

1. Introductions and Approval of Minutes

Leadership Team members in attendance: Bob Giordano, Paul Hendricks, Peter Lesica, Martha Newell, and Kathy Tonnessen. Jane Kelly represented the Office of Neighborhoods. Minutes were approved.

2. Debrief From Last General Meeting

The agenda for the January 28, 2015 meeting was too long, with not enough time for discussion with the LR Council. Some people in the back could not hear the presenters. Pizza was decided to have been a good idea. Suggest that on the General meeting agenda that we include the contact information for the speakers.

3. Discuss Current Neighborhood Issues

We had questions about the USFS, Lolo NF, 7 to 10-year plan for the Marshall Woods Restoration project. Issues include logging truck traffic along Rattlesnake Drive and commercial logging and burn piles in the Rattlesnake Recreation Area. Comments are due to the Forest Service by the first week in April 2015. We should engage the USFS during our General Meeting to see how best to work with them.

In Greenough Park the bear-resistant garbage can near the footbridge was not replaced after the trail resurfacing in the fall. Also we had concerns about the wood preservative used on the bridge deck. We will engage the Parks and Rec folks to see if these items can be resolved.

4. Discuss Ways to Better Neighborhood Engagement

We will announce the Van Buren beautification work party on April 25 (proposed). We will have another General Meeting in mid-September. We will pursue having a Candidate Forum, co-sponsored with Upper Rattlesnake and Heart of Missoula Neighborhoods, for some time in October.

5. Grant for Van Buren

Peter Lesica got \$1000 for the Van Buren beautification. He announced that the project will be looking for volunteers to plant fescue sod and some shrubs on April 25 (proposed).

6. Set Agenda and Date for Next General Meeting

Proposed General meeting on September 16, 2015. Peter Lesica will check with Prescott School to see if facility would be available for a meeting. He and Paul will be in charge of the postcard announcing the meeting. The Leadership Team will meet in August to plan details of the meeting. We proposed the following agenda items: (1) discussion with City Forester about the urban forestry plan for the Lower Rattlesnake, (2) update on the City growth policy, (3) update from the USFS on the Marshall Woods Restoration Project, (4) update on the MIS/MCPS lease issue, (5) report on progress of the transportation committee for Upper and Lower Rattlesnake.

7. Finalize 3 Bus Stops in the Lower Rattlesnake for the Bus Tour

There will be four stops in the Lower Rattlesnake. Jane Kelly is taking names for the "alternate" list. Bus Tour is scheduled for early evening April 16, 2015. We will visit the following Neighborhoods: Captain John Mullan, Grant Creek, Heart of Missoula, Lower Rattlesnake, Northside/Westside, Riverfront, Rose Park and the Upper Rattlesnake.

8. Consider 1 Transportation Committee for Both Upper and Lower Rattlesnake as has been Requested by Upper Rattlesnake

Bob Giordano went to the Upper Rattlesnake general meeting on March 15, 2015 and recruited folks to join the Transportation Committee. He now has about 10 possible members for the merged Upper and Lower Rattlesnake Transportation

committee. He will contact these folks and hold some meetings to discuss topics such as a trail along Rattlesnake Drive, near the winery and work on the Freeway/Van Buren roundabouts.

9. Office of Neighborhoods Report – Jane Kelly

Jane announced the winners of the neighborhood volunteer awards. These will be announced at the next City Council meeting, April 6.

10. New Business

None

11. Public comment on non-agenda items

None

12. Announcements

None