

Lower Rattlesnake Leadership Team Meeting  
Black Coffee  
March 19, 2024

**Attendees:**

Office of Neighborhoods: Melissa Glueckert  
LRNC Leadership Team: Peter Lesica, Robert Schultz, Joan Bessac Steelquist, Marta Meengs  
Neighbors: Michael Darshorst  
Office of Mayor: Ginny Merriam (552-6007)  
Missoula Public Health: Erica Rudolph (258-4755)  
Missoula Fire Dept.: Gordy Hughs (552-6210)  
Missoula Firefighters Union: Joel Gaertia (543-2664)

Approved the minutes from the last meeting.

Ginny Merriam and Erica Rudolph provided a short presentation on the history of Bear Smart in Missoula and on how the new requirement for bear-resistant garbage containers was going to work for our neighborhood. Erica stated that the Office of Public Health would send out a fact sheet on the new requirements. April 30<sup>th</sup> is the supposed deadline for everyone having a bear-resistant container.

Gordy Hughs and Joel Gaertia presented information on the need to pass a levy in the upcoming election to help meet the needs of the fire-fighting community. They outlined all that the fire fighters did besides fighting fires; e.g., physical and mental health emergencies etc.

Melissa and the LT discussed to upcoming neighborhood meeting with the Upper Rattlesnake on emergency preparedness. Melissa told the LT that they had ca. \$460 left in their budget to spend on food for the meeting. The LT approved the expenditure. Melissa said that the City sent out ca. 600 emails to members of the two neighborhoods announcing the meeting. Marta agreed to put up a few signs in the neighborhood announcing the meeting. The LT agreed that Gracie (not present) would put up the sandwich boards.

Melissa gave a short presentation on the last Community Forum meeting.

Adjourn.