

Minutes from Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team Meeting on May 21, 2024

Attendees:

Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team members Terri Roach (Co-chair), Andrea Stierle (Co-chair), Jeani Alonzo Adams (Treasurer and Transportation Committee Representative), Kathy Gaskill (Secretary). Other Attendees were Doug Grimm (Sign Maker), Kalina Pritchard (Neighborhood Specialist), Tim Jacobs (CERT-Citizens Emergency Response Team), Jennifer Snorsky (Neighborhood Champions).

1. Terri called the meeting to order. Jeani made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 16, 2024 meeting and Andrea seconded; minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Tim Jacobs gave an overview of the purpose and function of CERT. CERT assists OEM (Office of Emergency Management) with emergencies such as during a fire suppression event doing First Aid and information distribution and helping with a Search and Rescue. CERT also assists at events such as the Missoula County Fair and the Missoula Marathon. To become a member training is now done with an online course followed by a one day hands on skill check. More information regarding CERT is available at www.missoulacert.org.
3. Jeani gave a report on the latest Transportation Committee Meeting held on May 14, 2024. Items of interest included information presented by the Friday Medical Conference hosted by Dr. Brett Bill on ways to decrease bike and pedestrian accidents with vehicles. Proposals included decreasing vehicle speed in places to 20 mph, having raised cross walks and flashing lights at cross walks, having marked bike lanes and wider lanes that can accommodate two way bike/pedestrian traffic and “sharows” that mark where bikes and vehicles share a lane. Kalina said citizens can report traffic safety concerns to the city. Concerns over traffic safety and limited parking by Syringa Bike Park were also discussed. The Rattlesnake Transportation Committee sent the Syringa Bike Park Proposed Safety Improvements Report to the city expressing safety concerns around the Syringa Bike Park. Andrea made a motion and Terri seconded that the URLT support the report; the motion was unanimously approved.
4. Andrea will contact Meg Whicher from Parks and Rec regarding safety issues with the Deraillleur bike group. Terri mentioned safety concerns about biking groups that park numerous cars in the grass along upper Rattlesnake Drive by the pedestrian crossing sign; especially as the grass gets longer and dries out. There has also been an issue with biking groups cutting through the neighborhood common area in the neighborhood; this has been addresses by the HOA.
5. The URLT has been approached by several residents who would like support in having one of the courts at Pineview Park converted to a pickle ball court. Kalina stated that one of the advocates should come to the next URLT meeting to make a proposal and have public discussion on the matter. Residents who live close to the park would have to be in favor of having a pickle ball court due to the noise it generates. Players would have to agree to follow the rules and time limitations for court use.
6. Kalina reported at the last Community Forum a representative of the PROST (Parks Recreation Open Space and Trails) group gave an update on the meetings that have

been held to distribute information and to encourage residents to fill out the survey (engagemissoula.com/prost) to get input on what residents want to see regarding parks, open space and trails in the future. Another ongoing project is being done by Neighbor Ways, a grass roots effort, to create safe bike lanes.

7. A discussion on the Upper Rattlesnake Ice Cream Social to be held on August 21 at Pineview Park included a proposal to offer a free ice cream cone to the first 125 residents to come. There is \$249.70 in the Upper Rattlesnake account that can be used as a down payment to Big Dipper. As of July 1 \$1,550 will be available for events and other expenses for the upcoming fiscal year. Jeani will contact Big Dipper to make arrangements. Speakers will include Tim Jacobs from CERT, Bob Giordano from the Transportation Committee, Meg Whicher from Parks and Rec and possibly someone from Bear Aware. Doug Grimm offered to do the sandwich board signs with information regarding the Ice Cream Social.
8. Other items talked about that were not on the agenda included Jennifer Snorsky, who is a member of the Association of Realtors, offering to be a liaison for information regarding changes to housing issues and housing code reforms. Jeani said the next Transportation Committee meeting on June 11th from 4:30-6 will include an update on plans to replace the Lolo St. Bridge. The next URLT meeting is tentatively set for July 30th at 4:00pm; Terri will check to see if the church is available. Andrea asked if any of the team members will be termed out after this term. Kalina said members were elected in 2023. Terms last 2 years and representatives are eligible for 3 terms so no one will be termed out until 2025.
9. Andrea moved the meeting be adjourned and Jeani seconded.